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A World Once Forgotten

Naoto may be a stranger in the already strange world of Orgos, but that doesn't mean he's welcome! As his training continues, Naoto has gradually learned to wield the awesome power of the Flame Spirit that he and Lusia share. While danger lurks in every nook and cranny of Orgos, Naoto's time spent with Desert Coral has given him strength he didn't know he possessed. Stranger things are to come when a mysterious sense of déjà vu strikes Naoto, that the world of Orgos seems almost too familiar. With recalled memories of once forgotten people and places, he will be faced with a difficult choice, but will his decision assure his destiny? Only the sands of time can answer that question, as Naoto continues his quest for answers in *Desert Coral.*

Desert Coral

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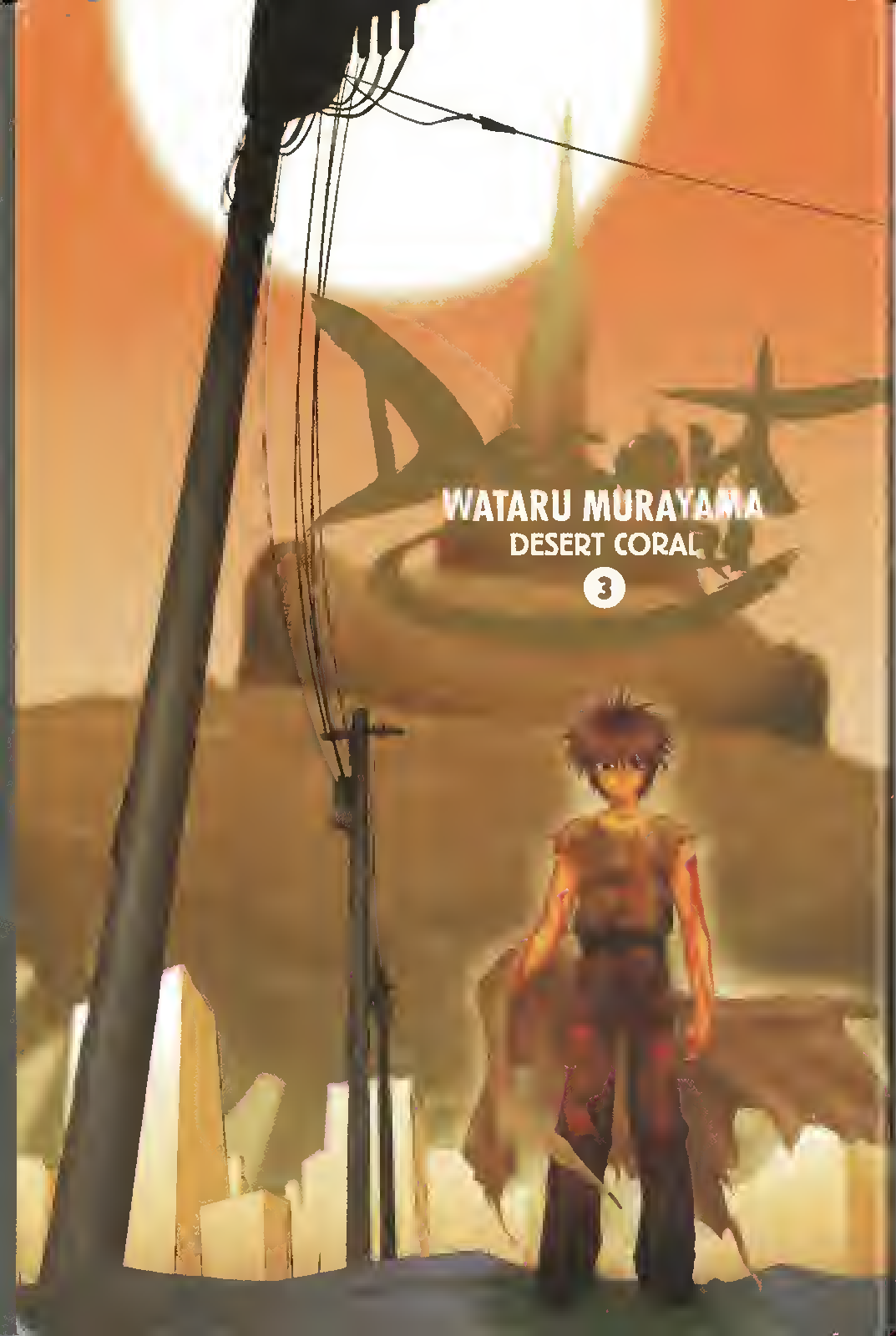
The decision to return to Orgos plunged Naoto into a surprising adventure of self-discovery. Kindling the flames of the Lucavifate within Lusia awakened courage within Naoto. Running from Camu's drunken dragon, fending off possessed peasants, and battling a scorching temperature were no easy tasks; but rest assured, Naoto pulled through these challenges, keeping the "flame" within him. With this newfound "flame" power, Naoto was able to rescue Euro from the illusory—but real enough—Elphis. His ability to transform the flame into whatever he imagines will prove a formidable tool against the Sand Dusts' mortal enemy. The dangers, however, will only become greater as Naoto will uncover more about himself and the world around him in *Desert Coral.*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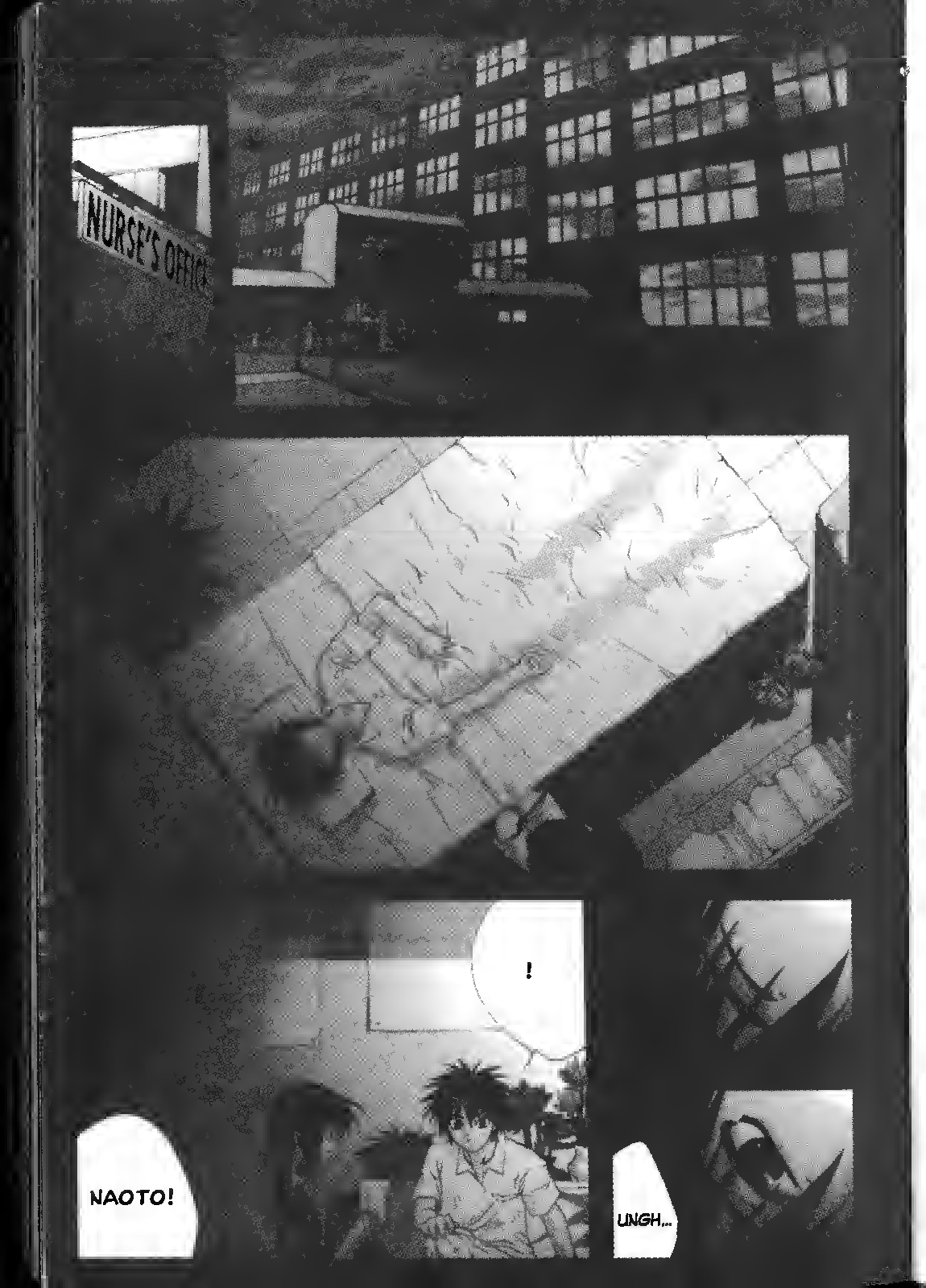

NURSE'S OFFICE
!
NAOTO!
UNGH...

#11 REAL?

OH YEAH... I PASSED OUT ON THE ROOF.
SORRY TO SCARE YOU.
THANKS FOR WATCHING OVER ME.
YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE!
...
CLASS IS OVER. IT'S TIME TO GO HOME.
GAZE
I DID?
HUH?
YOU JUST FAINTED...
I WAS WORRIED!
.....HUH?
.....
I FEEL LIKE I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR A LONG TIME.
YEAH, I'M OKAY.
WHOA.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
.....

UM... HEY, NAOTO.
WHAT? BUT WE SEE EACH OTHER ALMOST EVERY DAY! WE'VE ALWAYS HUNG AROUND TOGETHER.
EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE...
YOU KNOW, WE REALLY HAVE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE WE WERE KIDS.
I...I HOPE WE CAN ALWAYS BE...
.....
SWOOSH
TO-GE-THER.

A LOT OF...
CRAZY THINGS HAPPENED IN IT.
TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DREAMS.
YOU ALWAYS USED TO...
I HAD A DREAM. A REALLY LONG ONE.
BUT THAT'S HOW DREAMS ARE!
YOU FORGET THEM WHEN YOU WAKE UP.
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING SPECIFIC ABOUT IT. THOUGH.
COME ON. LET'S GO HOME.

LOOK AT THOSE FLOWERS

YEAH.
WHAT WAS HER NAME?
SHE?
I WANTED TO SHOW HER A FLOWER.
SHE'D NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE.
SWOOSH
IF YOU WANT TO SEE FLOWERS...
I KNOW JUST THE PLACE.
GRIN
!
FOLLOW ME!
I'LL SHOW YOU...

MEMORIES OF THE FUTURE...
HEY, WAIT!
THMP THMP THMP
どん
SHOVE
CHISATO?
THP THP THP
CHISATO! WAIT!

why am I so winded?
TOTTER
HUFF
WHERE DID SHE GO?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
?!!
SPRSH
SHSSSS
I'M SINK-ING!
WAIT A MINUTE!
NO WAY!
SWSS
SPSSS
S-
SAND?!
SWSS
WHAT THE HECK?

I CAN'T BREATHE!
OH, RIGHT. THAT MEANS SHE MUST NOT BE ABLE TO BREATHE...
VWORR
I HAVE TO GO AND SAVE HER!
Wait a second! WHO am I talking about?!
AM I HALLUCINATING?!
WHAT?
BLINK

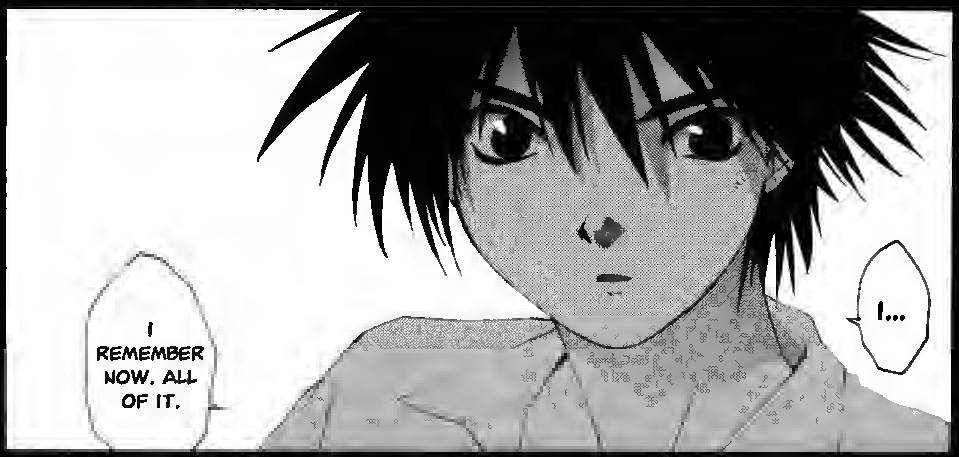
Okay, next are some even earlier memories...

WHA... WHAT IS THIS?!
VWOOSH
FWSH
grrrrr
gragrr
DASH
WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?!
I'm getting mobbed!
THERE'S MORE OF 'EM AHEAD.
POOF
WHO ARE YOU?!
YOU BETTER RUN FASTER. OR THEY'LL GET YOU!
!!
It's like they're all POSSESSED!
AND... WHERE ARE WE?!

SCUFF
THEY'RE IN A FRENZY!!
JUST WATCH!!
BUT NOW I CAN FIGHT THEM!
Fight?!
JUST WORRY ABOUT RUNNING FOR NOW, BRO!
HEY, RUNNING AWAY WAS ALL I COULD DO BACK THEN...
Back when?
Who you callin' BRO?
GRRR!
FWOOO
MY SWORD!
WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING?!
FWOOO
WHAT A FLOWER LOOKS LIKE!
I JUST WANTED TO SHOW HER...

YEEARGH!!
BUT WHO THE HECK IS SHE?!
NAOTO!
NAOTO! NAOTO!
THIS FLOWER'S REALLY PRETTY! WHAT'S IT CALLED?
OH...

This memory is from a long, long time ago...



POOF
HOW COULD I FORGET...
SUCH AN IMPORTANT PROMISE?
POOF
GRIN

IT IS
A LONG
DREAM...
AND
IT'S
STILL
GOING.
FLASH

K-CLACK
K-CLACK
I'VE GOTTA WAKE UP.
NNGH..
BUT I'M NOT...
WHAT NOW? DOZING AGAIN!
YOU ALWAYS FALL ASLEEP SO EASILY.
RATTLE
WHAT?!
HUH?
I'M IN... A TRAIN?

HEY.
WHAT KIND OF ADVENTURE WAS IT THIS TIME? OVER IN YOUR DREAM WORLD...
.....
PSSHT
SHINJUKU STATION.
!
WAIT. I'M COMING!
SEE YOU LATER!

THIS ISN'T YOUR STOP.
WHOA.
HOLD ON!
GRASP
PSSHT
WHAP
!

HEY!
THIS IS ALL YOUR TRICK, ISN'T IT?!
I KNOW I'VE SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE!! THOSE EYES...
HEY, YOU'RE NOT CHISATO!
YOU'RE THAT GUY FROM BEFORE!
IT IS CHISATO...
K-CLACK
K-CLACK
K-CLACK
BYE BYE, NAOTO!
NEXT TIME, TELL ME...
ALL ABOUT ORGOS!
FLASH

BLINK
HEY THERE, NAOTO.
YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE.
SQUIRM
SO BRIGHT...
FWUMP
NO, IT'S NOT...
LUSIA?
MORNING, NAOTO!

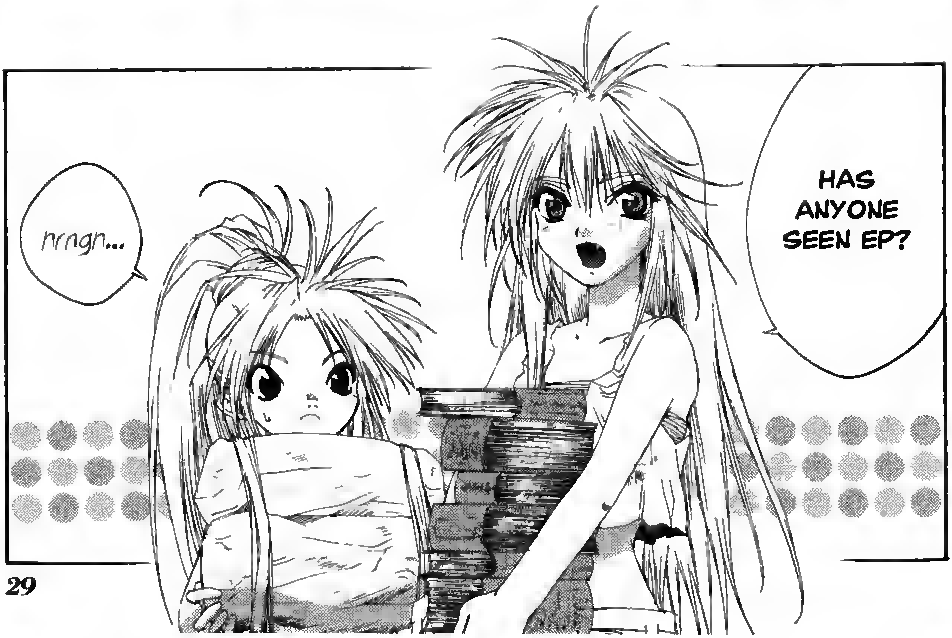
YOU'RE...
IT WAS YOUR IDEA WE CLEAN ONCE A YEAR. SO I'M DOIN' IT!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY!
ME!!
FWAP
PSHHH
C'MON. GET UP YOU BRAT!!
WHAP
ACK!!
I GET THE FEELING I WAS ABOUT TO REMEMBER SOMETHING KIND OF IMPORTANT...
It was something about flowers...
URRGH
I can't remember anything beyond that.

Um...
SQUEEZE
FLOW-ERS?
C'MON, GET CLEANING!
.....
Is THIS my idea of a flower?
YEAH, KINDA...
A TRICK?
SLUMP
wriggle
slump
* Naato can make things he visualizes real.
HA HA HA HA HA
FLOWER COME FORTH!
wriggle
BWOOF
SPSH
NOW, GET WIPING!
RIGHT.
Not that it'll help...
THAT SURE WAS A STRANGE DREAM...
STOP MESSING AROUND! GET TO WORK!
Or no one eats!
OKAY...
I'M NOT MESSING AROUND!

A DREAM...
AND IT'S STILL GOING...
IT IS A LONG DREAM...

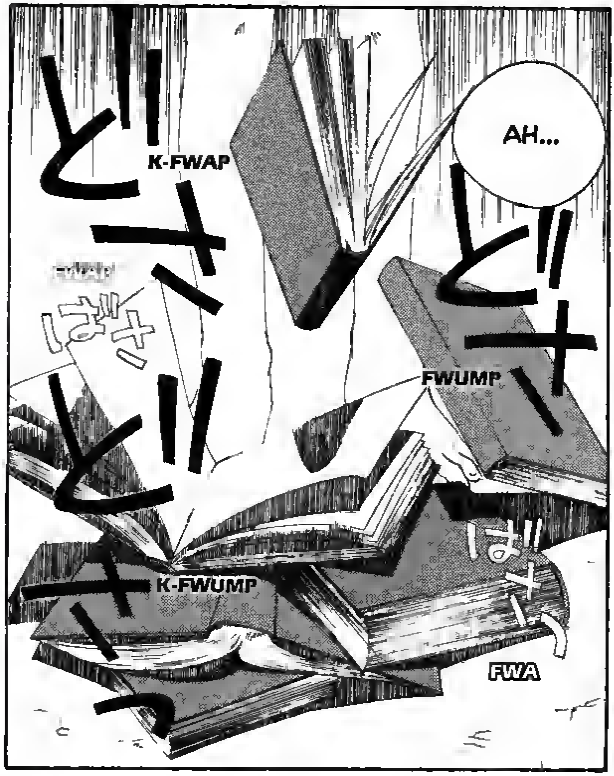
Naoto...
.....

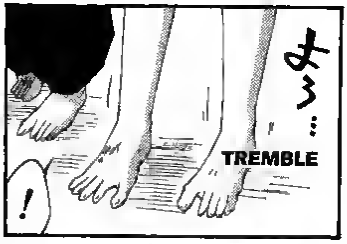
Poor guy. He's stuck somewhere between a dream and reality.
Is the dimensional dragon playing with him? Or could it be...?


HAS ANYONE SEEN EP?
hrngn...

EPSILON WENT OUT EARLIER.
Cooped out on the work!
HE SHOULD BE BACK SOON, THOUGH.

THESE LOOK LIKE THEY MIGHT BE EP'S BOOKS.
WE FOUND THEM IN THE STORAGE ROOM.
THIS TOO!
He reads books?
WE'LL JUST TOSS WHAT HE DOESN'T NEED.
GIVE ME THE JUNK.

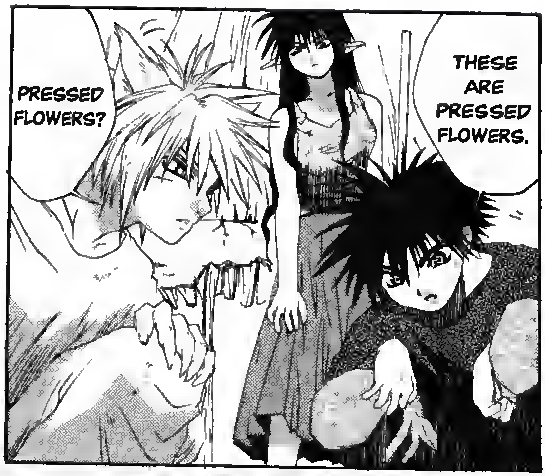

AH...
K-FWAP
FWUMP
K-FWUMP
FWA

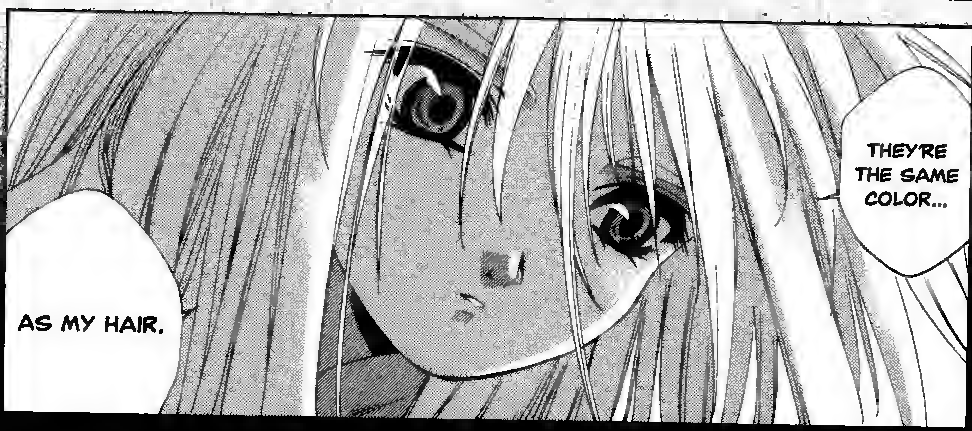

TREMBLE

WOBBLE
Again.

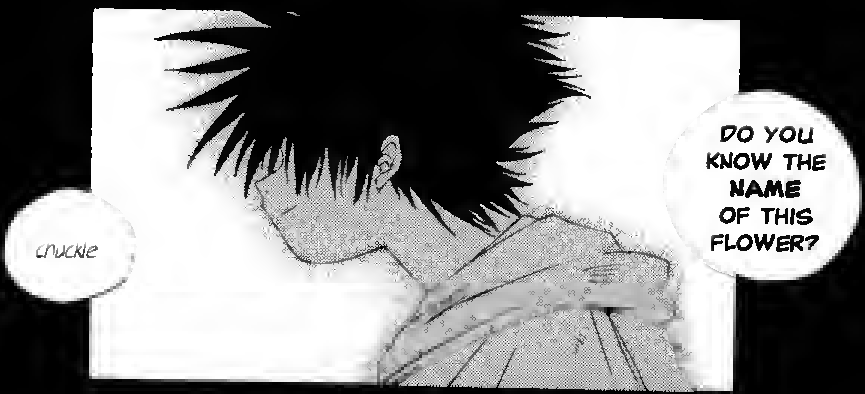
FWMP
FWMP

LUSIA?
SLUMP
YOU OKAY, LUSIA?
?
B-DMP
YEAH.
I'M ALL RIGHT NOW.
HM? WHAT'S THIS?

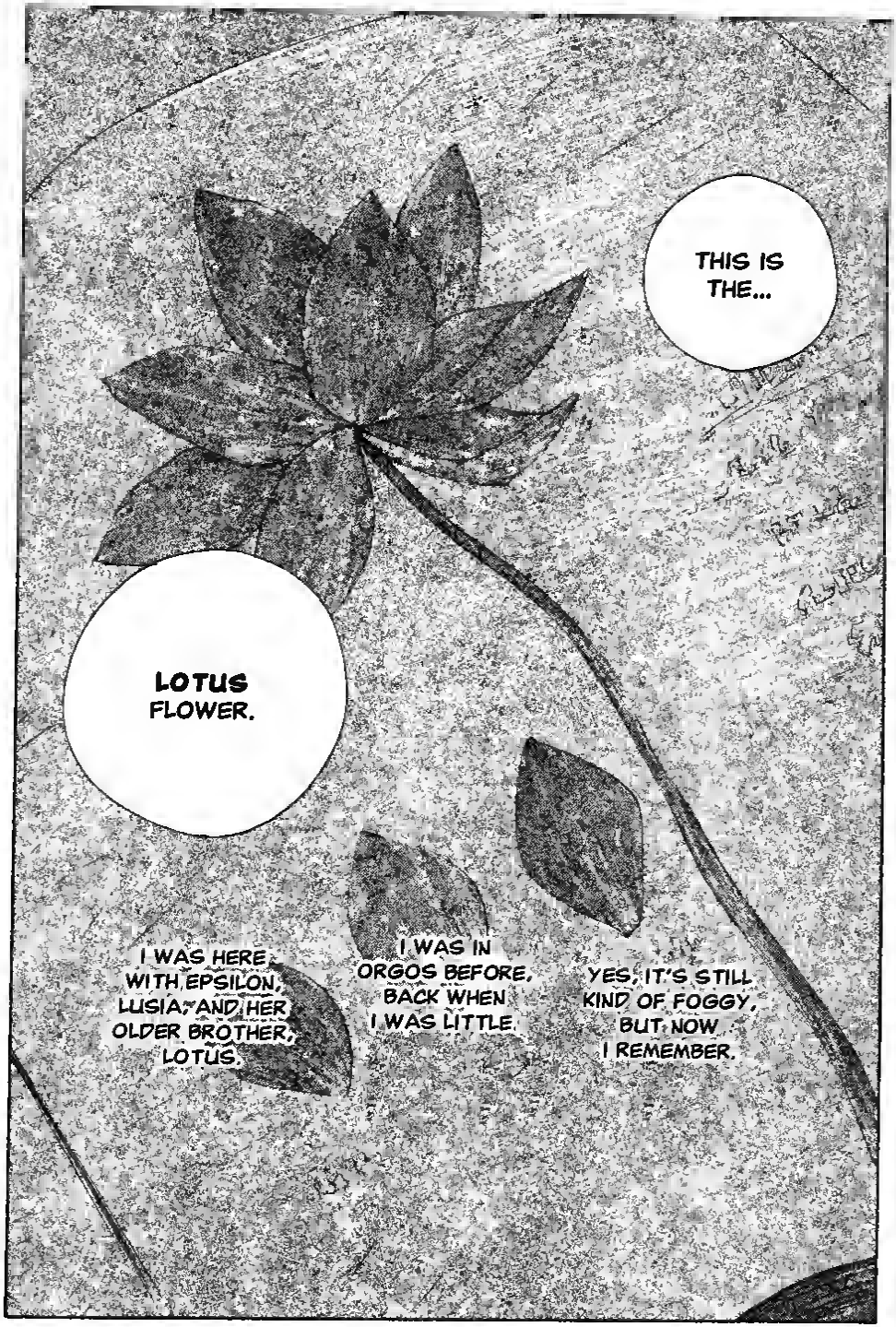


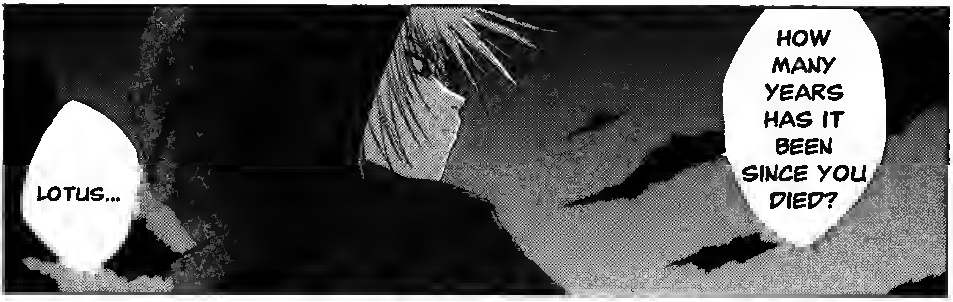


This brings back a really fond memory.



COME ON, NAOTO!
WELL, DON'T KEEP ME IN SUSPENSE— TELL ME!
I GUESS IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE.
BUT THIS FLOWER IS THE SAME COLOR AS YOUR HAIR—AND ITS NAME ALSO HAS SOMETHING IN COMMON WITH YOU!
YEAH. THIS IS DEFINITELY YOUR FLOWER!


THIS IS THE...
LOTUS FLOWER.
I WAS HERE WITH EPSILON, LUSIA, AND HER OLDER BROTHER, LOTUS.
I WAS IN ORGOS BEFORE, BACK WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
YES, IT'S STILL KIND OF FOGGY, BUT NOW I REMEMBER.

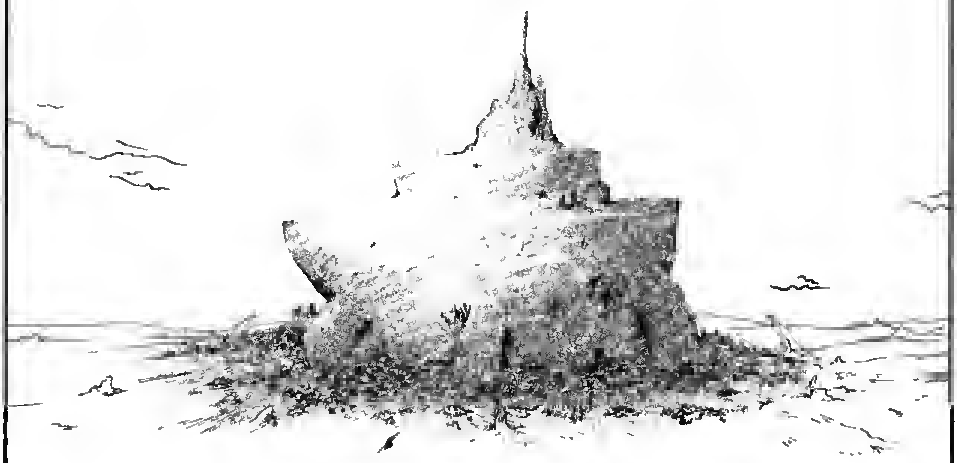

LOTUS...
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU DIED?

EPSILON.
I REMEMBER NOW, BUT NOT EVERYTHING.
I'M SURPRISED YOU FOUND THIS PLACE.
DID LOTUS CALL OUT TO YOU?
I NEED TO ASK YOU...
ABOUT LUSIA AND LOTUS.
.....
FORGET IT.
HEY.
AFTER ALL THIS?!

NOW I'M LIVING WITH LUSIA AND THE OTHERS IN THE LOWER-MOST REGION OF ORGOS.

I FEEL SO COMFORTABLE HERE, WITH DESERT CORAL...

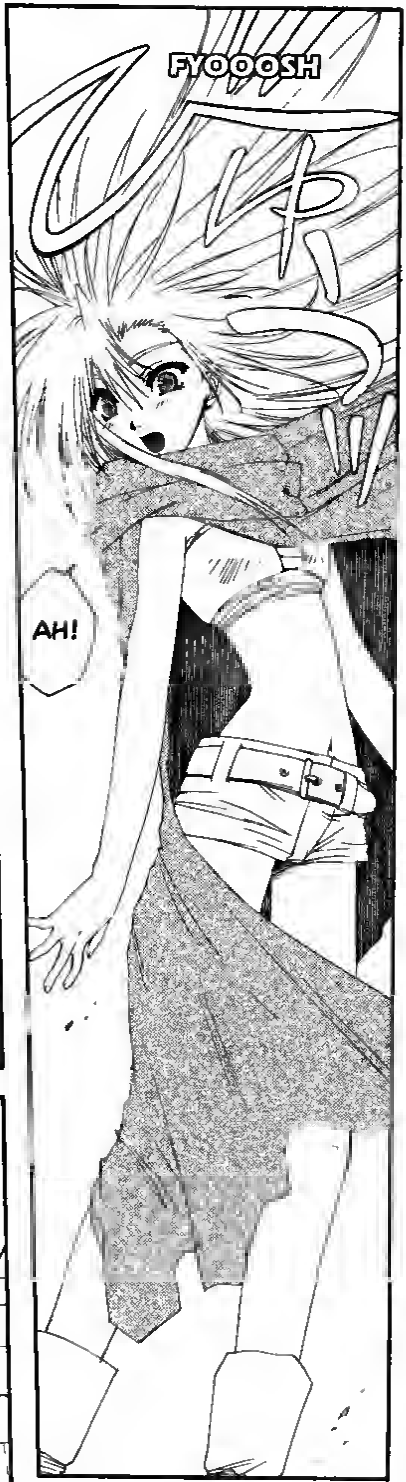
I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN HOW LONG I'VE BEEN HERE.

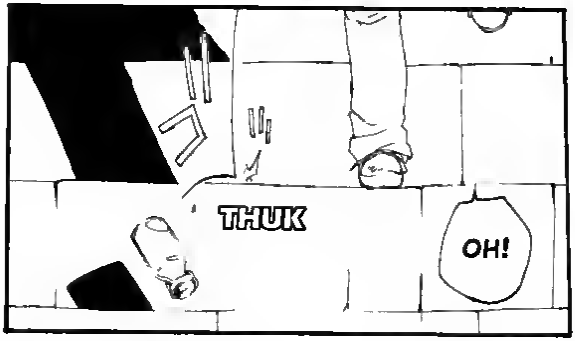


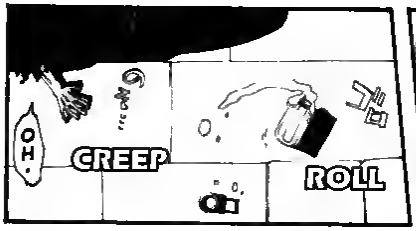
#12 SANDSTORM

THIS SHOULD TAKE CARE OF FOOD FOR A WHILE!
WE GOT A LOT TODAY!
THMP
THMP
OR WHEN I RECEIVED THE POWER OF FLAME?
OR MAYBE WHEN LUSIA SUMMONED ME TO THIS WORLD?
WHIRL
YEAH, ISN'T THAT GREAT?

FWOOO
THE WIND'S REALLY PICKED UP. MAYBE A STORM'S COMING.
THE SKY'S DARK, TOO. WE BETTER HURRY BACK.


FYOOOSH
AH!


THUK
OH!


OH.
CREEP
ROLL

K-DOO

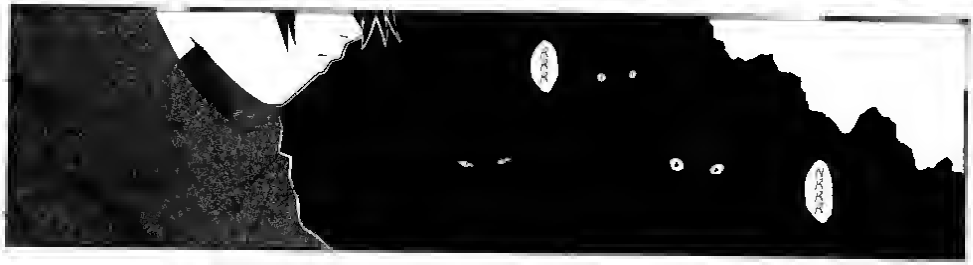
UH...
OH, NO. OUR WATER!
UH... WATER...

.....
WHOA...
ARE YOU OK?!
Ooon... water...
NAOTO.
NAM
NAM
IT'S WATER YOU WANT, RIGHT?
Nnm...
LUSIA, THIS PERSON'S REALLY SUFFERING.
I KNOW WE NEED THIS WATER. BUT...WHAT ELSE ARE WE GONNA DO RIGHT NOW?
WATER

NO WAY.
WHAT?

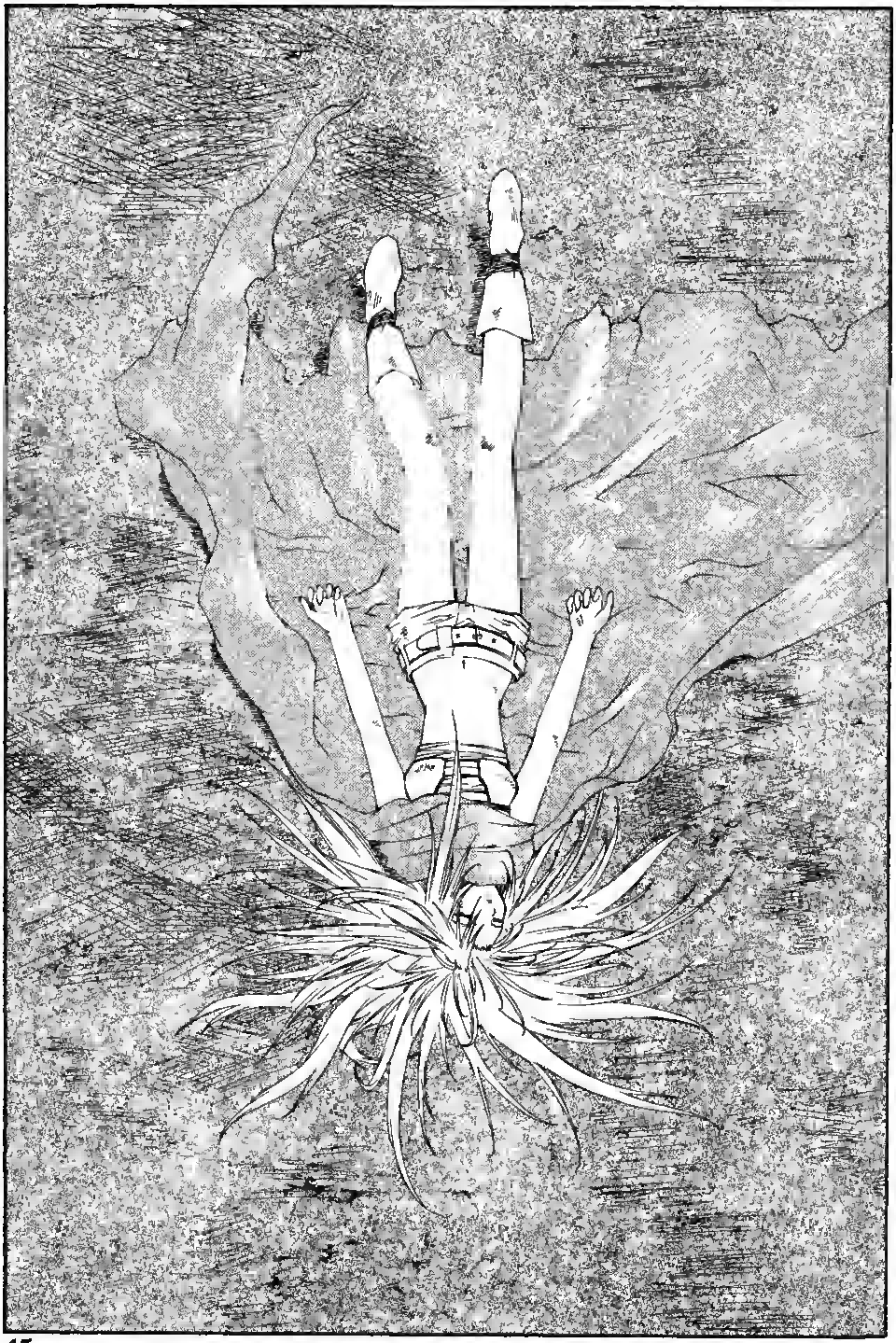
THAT PERSON WILL SOON RETURN TO THE SAND.
WE SAND DUSTS MUST ALL RETURN TO THE SAND EVENTUALLY.
DON'T INTERFERE.

WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING QUICK...
THIS PERSON'S GOING TO...
DIE!



OR WAS IT WHEN...

I REALIZED DEATH WAS ALWAYS LURKING JUST BEYOND MY LINE OF SIGHT.

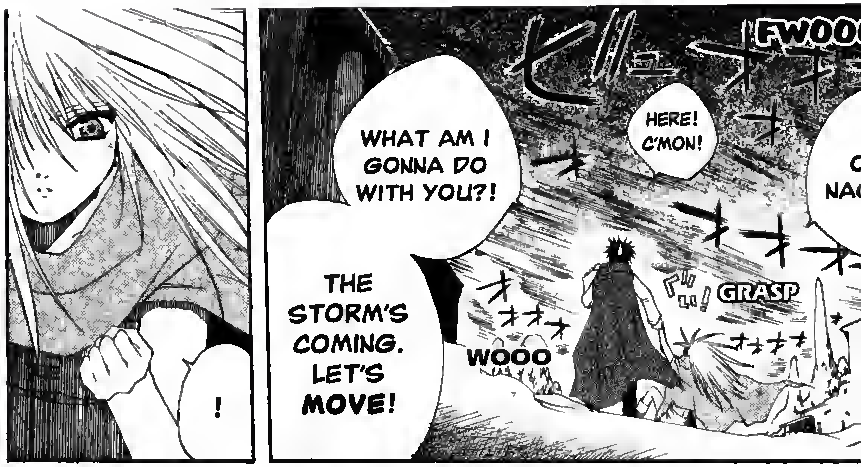


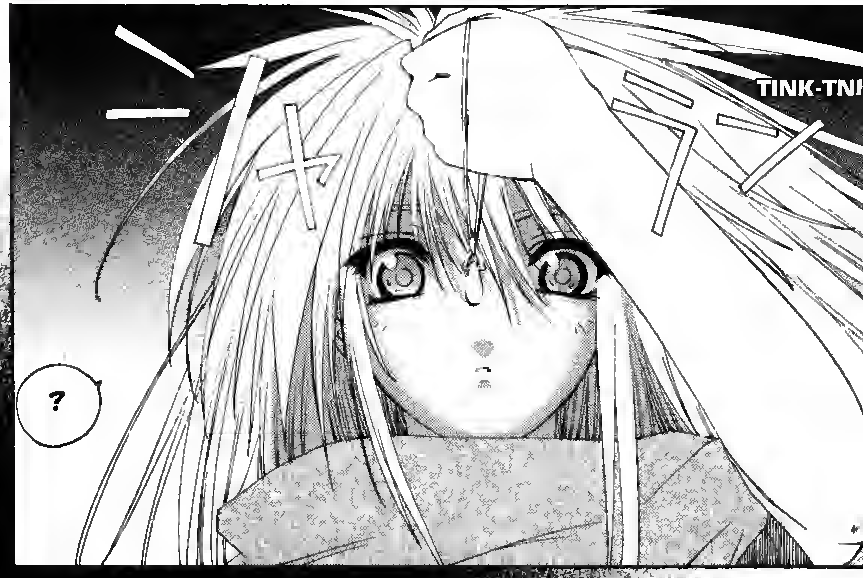
I collapsed again...
OH...
GAZE

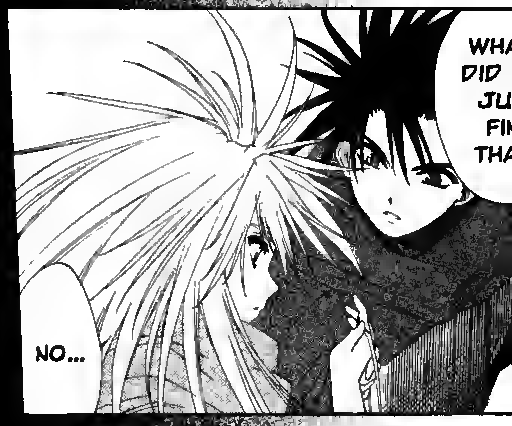
SCUF

IF YOU KEEP LYING THERE, YOU'LL BE BURIED IN THE SAND. ♪
WHO... ARE YOU?

YOU HAD ENOUGH SPUNK EARLIER!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, JUST LYING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD?! GET WITH IT!







THE WATER SPIRIT IS CALLING TO YOU.

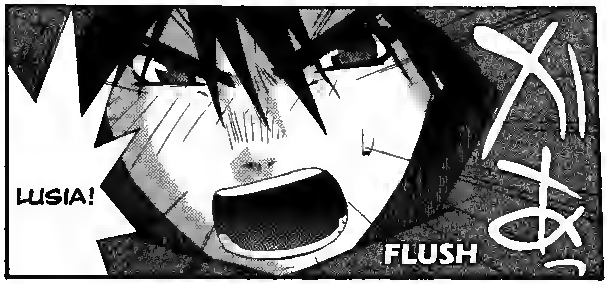
OH...
GAZE
THAT TIME IS NEAR.
TAKE THIS PENDANT. IT WILL SERVE AS A MARKER.
THE SPIRIT WILL SHOW YOU WHEN THE TIME COMES.
I APPRECIATE YOUR SEARCHING FOR ME.
HEY...
I REMEMBER— THAT CHILD GAVE ME THE PENDANT!
CLASP
NAOTO! WHAT WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS SEEK OUT THE WATER SPIRIT!

WOOO
"PHANTOM OASIS"?
THE WATER SPIRIT, HUH? WE CAN'T EXACTLY WALK UP TO HIS TEMPLE.
LIKE WITH SARAMOOD.
SCUFF
FLAP
IT'S SAID THE WATER SPIRIT DWELLS WITHIN A PHANTOM OASIS.
SCUFF
FYOOO
CALLING ME.
THE SPIRIT IS...
Argh!
FWOOOSH
HEY, LET'S JUST HEAD HOME. IT'S GETTING DANGEROUS OUT HERE.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT LATER.
THE PHANTOM OASIS...

IT'S SAID TO APPEAR IN THE MIDDLE OF SANDSTORMS.
FWOOOOSH

LUSIA, YOU DON'T MEAN...

SWSH
SWSH
I DO. LET'S GO FIND IT, NOW!
SWSH


LUSIA!
FLUSH

WOOO
WOOO
WOOO

DAMN! YOU'RE ALWAYS PUSHING ME AROUND!
WE'LL BE BURIED ALIVE! THANKS, BUT NO THANKS!
FWOOOSH
YOU STILL THINK I'M YOUR SERVANT? LET'S GO HOME!
AND WE'VE GOT ALL THESE GRO-CER-IES!
NOW YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR!
THIS IS CRAZY, LUSIA!
HEY, WAIT UP!!
SWSH
SWSH
SWSH

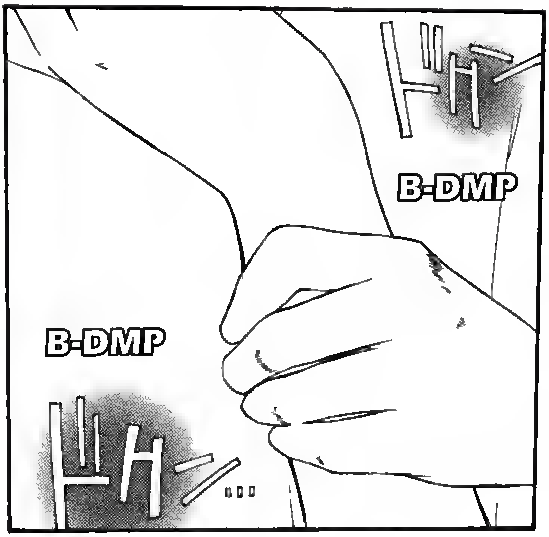
SHOOT. SHE CAN'T HEAR ME OVER THE WIND.
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY EPSILON, LEVINAS, AND EURO WOULD...
YOU'RE SO SELFISH!
GRAB
WILL YOU HOLD ON A SECOND?!
SKRSH
CRACK
SKSH
WHAT?!
SKSH
NAOTO...
KSHH
SHHSHSHSH

Or was it when...

I realized that death was always lurking...

THEN, WHEN LUSIA SAYS...

YES, THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE. IT'S THE SAME AS THE OTHER TIME... WHEN I CAUGHT LUSIA IN MY ARMS LIKE THIS.



SHE FEELS SO WARM...

BUT I ALWAYS WAKE UP AT THIS IMPORTANT PART.

YES, THIS SCENE IS REPEATED OVER AND OVER IN MY DREAMS.

I HOPE WE CAN ALWAYS BE...

NAOTO...

FWOOOSH
I KNOW THAT THIS WORLD ISN'T REALLY A DREAM!
...
SO LISTEN, LUSIA!!
IT MAY BE THE SAME AS BEFORE, BUT THIS TIME I'M DIFFERENT!
I HAVE THE POWER NOW!

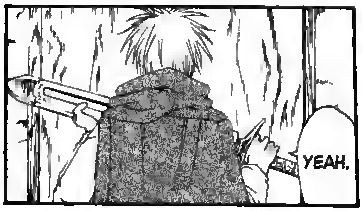
FROM NOW ON, I WILL PROTECT YOU!
VWOOOSH
OH, GOD, PLEASE STOP THIS RAGING WIND— JUST FOR A MOMENT!
WHAT WAS THAT? DAMN THIS WIND! I CAN'T HEAR HER!

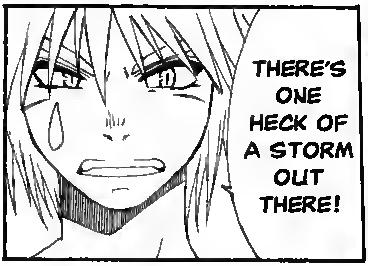
I LOVE YOU, NAOTO.

DASH

EVEN IF YOU HAVE REMEMBERED THE PAST,
OR GAINED A NEW POWER...
OR EVEN IF I DO TELL YOU NOW...
IT WON'T CHANGE A THING.
VWOOOSH
.....
?
EASIER SAID THAN DONE
STAY BY LUSIA'S SIDE.
IT'S SIMPLE.
SSSH

I GUESS I'M NOT MAKING MUCH SENSE.
BUT AS LONG AS YOU HOLD ONTO HER.
IT SHOULD BE FINE.
FWOOO
ONE OTHER THING.
ABOUT CAMU...
JUST... WATCH OUT FOR HER.
Camu?
FWIP


YEAH.


THERE'S ONE HECK OF A STORM OUT THERE!

YOU GOIN' OUT, EP?
GRIP
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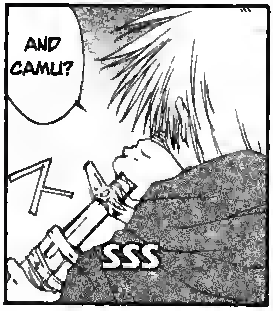
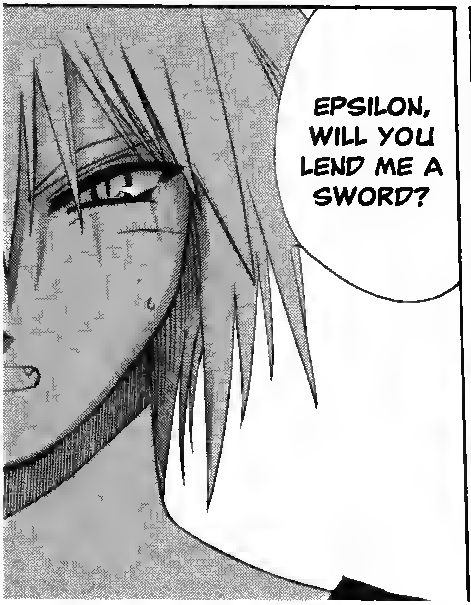

AND CAMUI?
SSS

LUSIA'S NOT BACK YET, EITHER.
WHERE'D THEY ALL GO?
EURO WENT LOOKING FOR LUSIA.

I KNOW.
SWIK

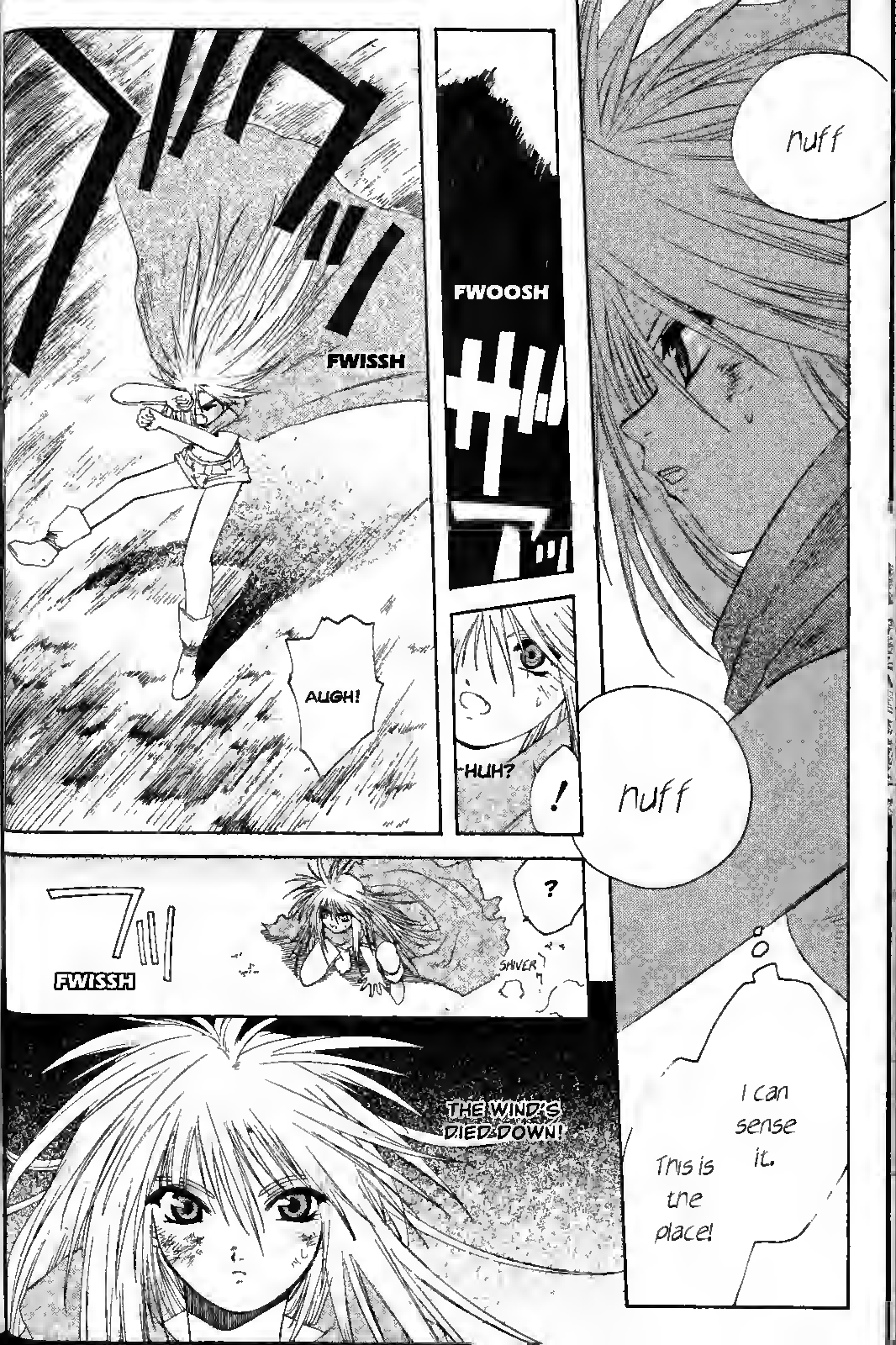

EPSILON, WILL YOU LEND ME A SWORD?

CHK

SHE'S BEEN GONE THE WHOLE TIME.
FWOOO
DON'T TELL ME...

SWSH
SWSH
nuff
nuff
FWOOOOOO
nuff
SWSH
THE WATER SPIRIT...
IS CALLING.
BUT FIRST...
STAGGER
SQUEEZE
THIS PENDANT WILL GUIDE ME!
STUMBLE
THWP
AH..
!!

BUT BEFORE THAT...
WOOOO
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO!
SKSSSSH
UMMPH!
OUGH
UH...
VWOOOOSH
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
ONE DAY, I'LL RETURN TO THE SAND, TOO.
THAT DAY IS COMING SOON.
DASH


nuff
I can sense it.
This is the place!
FWOOSH
HUH?
!
nuff
FWISSH
AUGH!
?
SHIVER
FWISSH
THE WIND'S DIED DOWN!

FWOOOSH
A DRAGON?
SWSHSHH

SWSSH
WOOO
WELCOME TO MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME.
OH?
I SEE YOUR SUMMONED MONSTER ISN'T WITH YOU. A PITY.
CAMU!
WELL, JUST KICK BACK AND RELAX. ♡
THERE'S NOT MUCH ELSE TO DO HERE!

HO HO HO HO!
SWSH
JUST DON'T GO AND CRY AFTERWARDS!
FLAP
NOW LET'S SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL!!
CAMU!!
LEAP

LUSIA, YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO.
BUT EVEN IF YOU USE YOUR LUCAVIFATE POWERS...

.....

I WON'T LET YOU KILL NAOTO.

THIS IS THE END.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP ME.

WE SAND DUSTS MUST ALL...
RETURN TO THE SAND EVENTUALLY.
FWOOO
SOMETHING WAS STARTING TO AWAKEN INSIDE ME...
IT HAD BEEN BURIED DEEP WITHIN, AND IT TOLD ME THIS DREAM WOULD SOON COME TO AN END.
SWSH
I've got...
WOO
A really bad feeling.

#13 TOGETHER

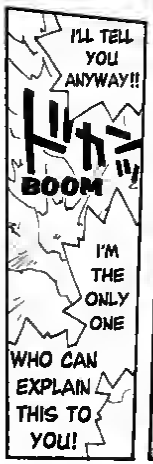
WELL NOW, WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN?

HOW ABOUT WITH YOUR LUCAVIFATE POWERS?
AND THE BOY YOU SUMMONED— AND HOW I MUST KILL HIM.
I KNOW THIS MAY SEEM CRUEL TO YOU. BUT HEAR ME OUT.
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO DIE WITHOUT KNOWING THE REASON WHY. WOULD YOU?
SWSH
...

VWOOSH
UH...
FIREBALL.

WHEN DID YOU LEARN HOW TO DO THAT?
NO FAIR!!
FSSSHH

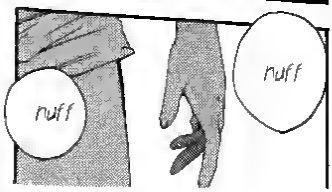
HEY!

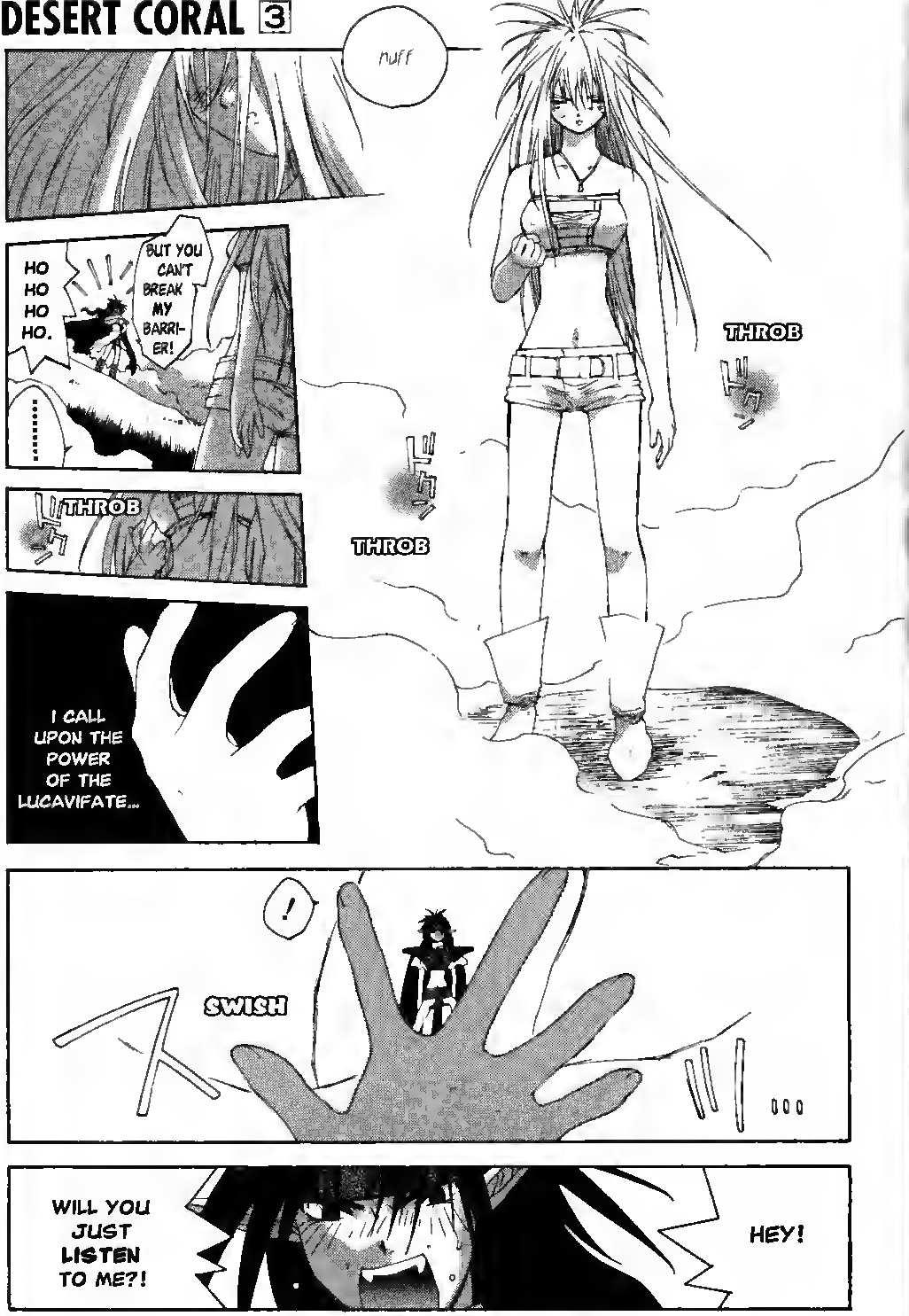

I'LL TELL YOU ANYWAY!!
BOOM
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN EXPLAIN THIS TO YOU!

FWEEE

WHOA!
BARRIER!
VWOR
WAIT JUST A DAMN MINUTE!!

LOTUS HAD INCREDIBLE POWER LIKE THIS.


nuff
nuff


nuff
HO HO HO HO.
BUT YOU CAN'T BREAK MY BARRIER!
THROB
THROB
THROB
I CALL UPON THE POWER OF THE LUCAVIFATE...
!
SWISH
WILL YOU JUST LISTEN TO ME?!
HEY!

SWSH
SWSH
YOU LUCAVIFATE DON'T LIVE LONG TO BEGIN WITH.
IF YOU MAKE IT TO 20, YOU'VE HAD A LONG LIFE.
THE MORE YOU USE YOUR POWERS, THE SHORTER YOUR ALREADY BRIEF LIVES ARE.
THMP
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE HASTENING YOUR OWN DEATH BY USING THOSE POWERS SO RECKLESSLY?
ENOUGH.
I'M SURPRISED YOU'RE STILL STANDING.
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO EXHAUST YOUR POWER COMPLETELY.
AND WHY?

YOU'RE USING YOUR POWERS TO KEEP THAT BOY, NAOTO, HERE IN THIS WORLD.
BUT THINGS HAVE CHANGED, HAVEN'T THEY?
AT FIRST IT WAS OKAY.
THE BOY'S POWERS WERE NEXT TO NOTHING, SO IT WASN'T MUCH OF A STRAIN ON YOU.
THAT SUMMONING WAS A TOTAL DISASTER!
INEXPERIENCED CONJURERS CAN BE DEVOURED BY THE BEASTS THEY SUMMON

JUST BY BEING HERE...
NAOTO IS DRAINING YOUR LIFE, LUSIA!
YOUR TIME ON THIS WORLD IS RUNNING OUT QUICKLY.
LIKE ALL THE OTHER SAND DUSTS, YOU'LL BECOME ONE WITH THIS ENDLESS DESERT.
THAT SUPPLE BODY AND INNOCENT SOUL OF YOURS
WILL BE REDUCED TO SAND BLOWING IN THE WIND.
YOU'LL DISAPPEAR. COMPLETELY.
GET RID OF NAOTO NOW.
YOU MAY NOT GET ANOTHER CHANCE.

I ALREADY KNEW THAT.

FSSSH
NAOTO?
LUSIA?
SOMEONE'S THERE!
I must find those two!
THEY'VE ALL BEEN ACTING WEIRD. ESPECIALLY LUSIA AND CAMU.
I HAVE A BAD FEELING.
AH!
TUMBLE
NAOTO!!
SWOOSH
THWUMP
Oomph
Argh
EU-
EURO?
?!

GRIP
WHERE'S LUSIA ?!
FWIP
ばっ
FLUSH
なお
STUPID NAOTO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALONE,
AND HERE OF ALL PLACES?
……
……
FWOOOOOOO
SHUT UP! I HAVE TO SHOUT FOR YOU TO HEAR ME,
BUT IF I TALK, I GET A MOUTHFUL OF SAND! SO GET OFF MY CASE!!
I CAN'T EVEN OPEN MY EYES!
EVEN WITH THAT WEIRD, NEW POWER, YOU'RE STILL NO HELP!
……
NOW WHERE'S LUSIA?!
STUPID NAOTO!!

LUSIA WENT OFF THAT WAY.
SHE COULDN'T HAVE GONE FAR.
I CAN'T GO ON...
SLUMP
NOOZY
"I LOVE YOU"? THAT MUST HAVE BEEN AN ILLUSION, TOO.
Ah, I've had it!
EXCUSE ME?
WHISPER
I'M SEEING THINGS.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? THE WIND'S DIED DOWN. SO HURRY!
I'M SURE SHE'LL BE HOME FOR DINNER...
SO I'M HEADING BACK.
WHIRL
AREN'T YOU COMING?

HEY...
JUST A DAMN MINUTE.
YOU'RE SO STUPID!! STUPID, STUPID, STUPID!!
OKAY, FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE SPOT!!
FWIP
THE FAMILY DOG! HA HA!
WHAT ARE YOU, THE FAMILY DOG?
SPRING
WHY DO YOU ONLY CALL ME STUPID?!
I'M SICK OF IT!!
YOU THINK I'M THE LOWEST IN THE PECKING ORDER?
SCRASH
YOU'RE NICE ENOUGH TO THE OTHERS!!
YELP!
FLINCH
...
HA...
?
NNGH...
FAMILY...

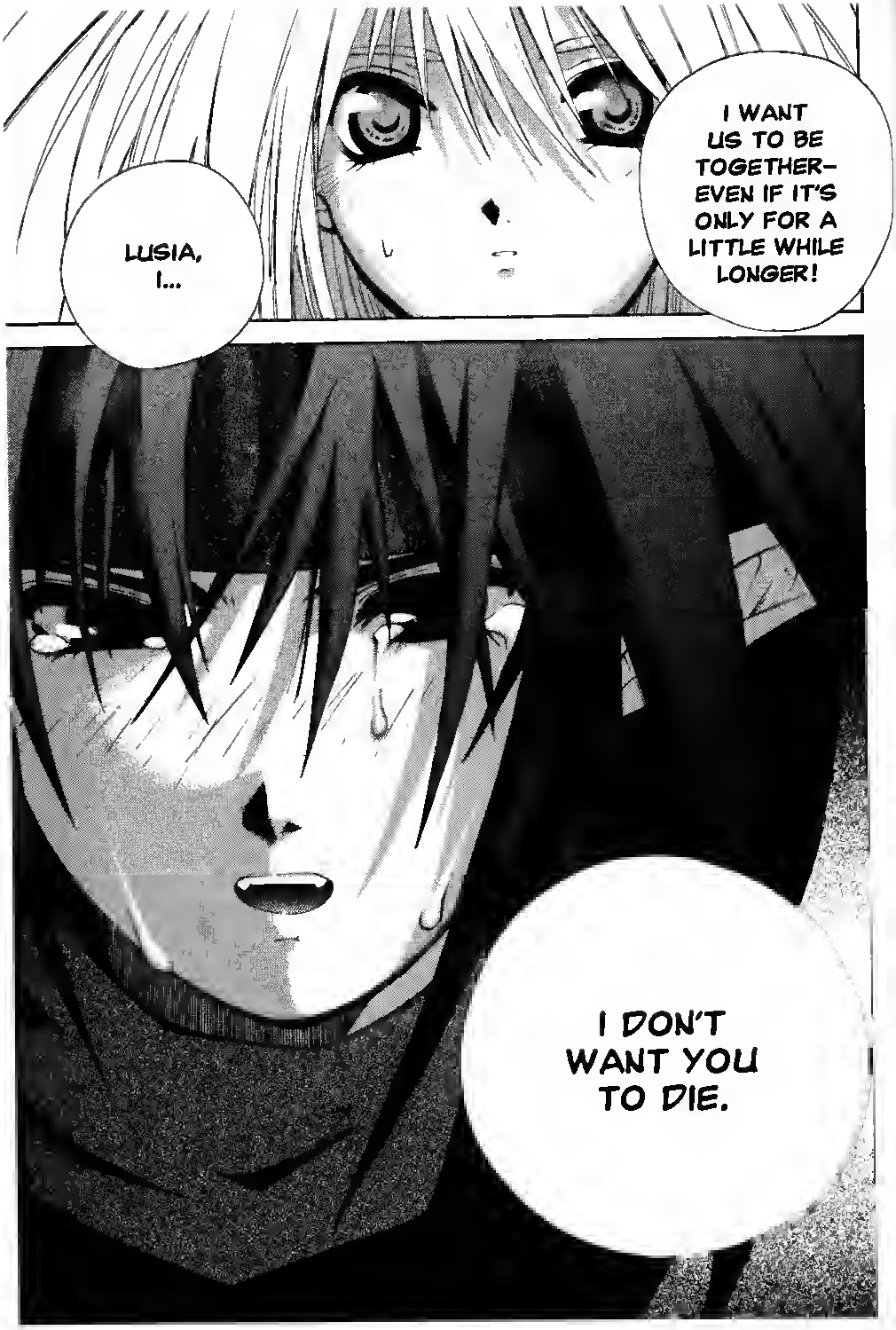
EURO?
SO...
TO ME, WE'RE ALL A FAMILY.
ALL YOU GUYS.
WHY YOU...
SPARE ME THE CROCO-DILE TEARS.
I'm no fool!
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY OF YOU.
DRIP
WAAAH!
WHOA- DON'T CRY!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
TREMBLE
おろおろ

.....
OKAY?!
WE'LL GO FIND LUSIA TOGETHER! DON'T CRY!!
I GOT IT, OKAY?
!
ギュ
SQUEEZE
.....
THE STORM'S OVER, SO I'M SURE WE'LL FIND HER.
I KNOW...
I'M THE ONE YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE.

MAYBE I'M WASTING MY ENERGY.
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE EITHER WAY, LUSIA.
AND THEN NAOTO...
WILL DISAPPEAR.
O DRAGON WHO SLEEPS WITHIN THE RAGING SANDSTORM...
AWAKEN NOW, AND PROTECT THIS FRAGILE LIFE WITH THY WINGS.

SKSHSSH
The dragon is getting smaller!
BYE.
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
CAMU!

CAMU!!
I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS IT'S FINISHED.
SWSH
SWMP
LISTEN, LUSIA.
I'M KILLING HIM BECAUSE...
IF I CAN KILL NAOTO NOW.
IT MIGHT BUY YOU A FEW MORE MONTHS.
LUSIA.
CAMU?


I WANT US TO BE TOGETHER— EVEN IF IT'S ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER!
LUSIA, I...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE.

I'LL CAST A SPELL ON ALL THOSE WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM.
IF I KILL NAOTO AND RETURN...
IT WILL SEAL AWAY ALL THE MEMORIES YOU HAVE OF NAOTO...
AND EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED SINCE THE DAY YOU SUMMONED HIM.
ANY SPECIAL FEELINGS ATTACHED TO THOSE MEMORIES WILL HAVE VANISHED.
EVEN IF YOU DO REMEMBER THAT BOY IN YOUR DREAMS...

EVERYTHING FROM THE MOMENT YOU MET NAOTO WILL HAVE BEEN NOTHING MORE THAN A DREAM.

?
I'M GOING TO WAKE UP FROM THIS DREAM SOON.
IF I EVER GO AWAY...
SO, EURO...
NOW THIS IS JUST "IF," BUT...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT COMING TO LOOK FOR ME, OKAY?
YES...
JUST FORGET ABOUT ME, ALL RIGHT?
PRETEND LIKE YOU SAW ME IN A DREAM OR SOMETHING.

THEN IN A FEW YEARS, I'LL HAVE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT YOU AND LOTUS AND EP...

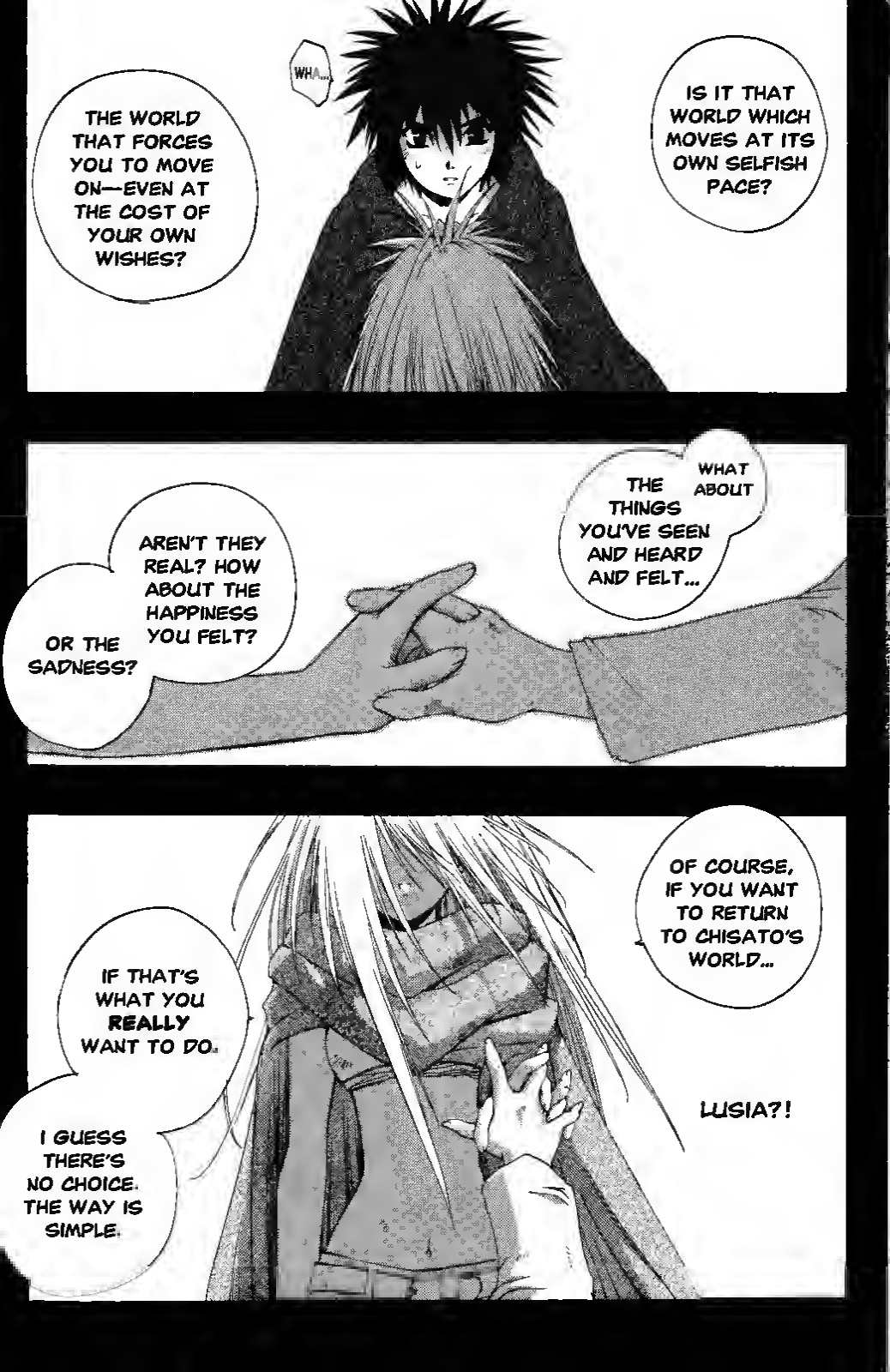
I'LL WAKE UP AND THINK, "AH, IT WAS JUST A DREAM."

BUT I WILL RETURN TO THE REAL WORLD.

ABOUT OUR ABILITY?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN...
YOU'LL WRITE THIS WORLD OFF AS "JUST A DREAM"?
YOU'RE... THE DRAGON.

BUT
DOESN'T THAT PROVE THIS IS ALL JUST A DREAM?
HAVING THIS KIND OF FANTASTIC POWER AND ALL...
YOU CAN MAKE WHATEVER YOU VISUALIZE REAL.
IT'S A GODLIKE POWER THAT WE WHO GOVERN THE DIMENSIONS POSSESS IN THIS WORLD.
?
MEE!
THAT AND...
HEY.
AND
DIDN'T YOU SAY NEXT TIME YOU CAME TO ORGOS IT'D BE 100 YEARS LATER?!
AH, I DON'T SWEAT THE DETAILS. ♪
WHOOSH
YOU MEAN LITTLE CHISATO.
SHE'S CUTE.
Hee hee
HER EYES AREN'T SO NARROW!
LOSE THAT FORM!
YOU PULLED IT FROM MY MEMORIES!
FWIP

OKAY, LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING...
YEAH. WHAT?
AND YOU!
YOU COULD BE AN ILLUSION IN MY HEAD!
JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY "REALITY"?


THE WORLD THAT FORCES YOU TO MOVE ON—EVEN AT THE COST OF YOUR OWN WISHES?
WHA...
IS IT THAT WORLD WHICH MOVES AT ITS OWN SELFISH PACE?
OR THE SADNESS?
AREN'T THEY REAL? HOW ABOUT THE HAPPINESS YOU FELT?
THE THINGS YOU'VE SEEN AND HEARD AND FELT...
WHAT ABOUT
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU **REALLY** WANT TO DO.
I GUESS THERE'S NO CHOICE. THE WAY IS SIMPLE.
OF COURSE, IF YOU WANT TO RETURN TO CHISATO'S WORLD...
LUSIA?!

YES, IT'S QUITE SIMPLE. ♪
JUST GIVE UP LIVING IN THIS WORLD.
NOW, DON'T PUT UP A FIGHT. ACCEPT IT NICE AND QUIETLY...
AND LET YOURSELF BE KILLED.

SHE DISAPPEARED.
NAOTO?
FWISH
SNATCH
GIVE IT BACK!
AH!
SWSH
SWSH
SOMEONE'S COMING, NAOTO.
?
FWIP
ECHO
CAMU?
IT COULDN'T BE...
B-DMP
B-DMP
ABOUT CAMU... WATCH OUT FOR HER.
THIS FEELING...

CAMU!
WERE YOU LOOKING FOR LUSIA, TOO?
SWSH
WHOA.
YEAH.
SHE'S NEARBY, ACTUALLY. MY DRAGON'S PROTECTING HER.
B-THMP
B-THMP
.....
HUH?
BUT...
GO TO HER NOW, EURO.
I NEED TO HAVE A WORD WITH NAOTO.
B-DMP
B-DMP
B-DMP
HERE WE GO.
SORRY ABOUT EARLIER, EURO.
UH...
THIS IS WHAT I MEANT. GO ON NOW.
OKAY.
SCFF

SWSSH
B-DMP
VWUM
B-DMP
SO, THIS IS MY ONLY CHOICE...
ruff
B-DMP
ENOUGH.
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.
DREAM OR REALITY...
YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE.
OH?
FIGHTING
LET ME FINISH IT QUICKLY.
WILL ONLY MAKE THIS HARDER ON YOU.

YOU THINK I'LL JUST STAND BY...
AND LET YOU KILL ME?!
FSSSH
WOOO
It's sinking...
FSSS

I can't even hear the spirits anymore.
AM I GOING TO DIE HERE?
FSSST
I'm up to my knees in sand...
FSSSH
ARE YOU AFRAID OF DYING?
NO, I'M NOT.
IT'S JUST...
JUST?
THERE ARE PEOPLE I WANT TO BE WITH.
LEVINAS. EP. EURO. CAMU...

AND NAOTO...
I HAVE GOOD NEWS.
IT SEEMS THAT NAOTO...
HAS CHOSEN TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD A LITTLE LONGER.
CAMU CAN'T KILL NAOTO.
.....

SWISH
I'M HUNGRY.
GROWWWL
.....
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#14 PARTY

I'LL KILL HIM.
I'LL TAKE HIM DOWN IN ONE ATTACK.
I'LL FINISH IT QUICKLY.
ONE FELL SWOOP, NO PAIN...
THE MOMENT HE'S SEPARATED FROM THE FLAME SWORD.
ONE SUDDEN STRIKE TO THE HEART...
O SPIRITS OF THE WIND...
SWOO

GROWWWL
GROAN
Damn
I'M SO HUNGRY!
OOOOH...
HE'S NOT TENSE AT ALL.
HE...

NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT MY STOMACH!
FWOOOSH
want... food...
GROWL
WHAT'S GOING ON?! IS CAMU REALLY...
SHE PROBABLY WASN'T LYING ABOUT LUSIA. IF LUSIA WERE HURT, I'D BE HURT TOO.
WHAT'S CAMU'S PLAN? WHAT WILL SHE ACCOMPLISH BY KILLING ME?
ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE BLOODTHIRSTY ELPHIS?!

WOOO
CAMU...
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU.
BUT...
I'LL KILL HIM.
CAMU!!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
ANSWER ME!!
I WON'T TELL YOU. GO AHEAD AND HATE ME— JUST LEAVE THIS WORLD!
IF YOU KNEW THE REASON WHY, I'M SURE YOU'D ONLY HATE YOURSELF.

YEAH, THIS HAS TO BE...
THE BEST WAY TO FINISH IT.
ぱっ
SNATCH
.....
.....

YEAH, I KNOW.
CAMU KNOWS THAT, AND HOPES TO BUY LUSIA AT LEAST SOME MORE TIME BY KILLING NAOTO.
LUSIA IS DRAINING HER OWN LIFE BY USING HER LUCAVIFATE POWERS TO KEEP NAOTO IN THIS WORLD.
THEN YOU MUST KNOW WHAT CAMU IS GOING TO DO. TOO.
THE LUCAVI-FATE HAVE SHORT LIVES.
YEAH.
USING THAT POWER MAKES THEM EVEN SHORTER.
LUSIA WILL DIE.
YOU KNOW THAT...
CHK
GRIP
THEN I'LL...
IF CAMU FAILS...
WILL YOU TAKE OFF HIS HEAD LIKE YOU DID LOTUS?
WILL YOU KILL HIM?
.....!

K-SSSNICK
LOTUS DIED.
HIS SISTER IS NEXT... AND THEN NAOTO.
FWOOP
CAMU WILL PROBABLY RUN OFF SOMEWHERE ONCE SHE'S KILLED NAOTO.
AFTER I'VE DEALT WITH YOU, I'LL TAKE EURO WITH ME ON A JOURNEY.
THIS IS THE END OF DESERT CORAL.
IS THAT IT, EPSILON?
AND YOU'LL AVENGE LOTUS?

GLARE
GET READY, LEVINAS.
.....
SWSH
I HAVEN'T HELD A SWORD FOR SOME TIME.
NOT SINCE THAT DAY...
6 years ago...
RATTLE
HEY, TIME FOR DINNER.

.....
LUSIA...
rattle
rattle
glance
.....
Hey! Lusia!
rattle
THAT LUCAVIFATE NAMED LUSIA...
gaze
WE WERE BOTH KEPT BY THE ELPHIS— I WAS A SLAVE AND SHE WAS AN "ORNAMENT." MY JOB WAS TO TAKE CARE OF HER.
SHE WAS SO QUIET— JUST LIKE A DOLL. I WAS SUPPOSED TO KEEP HER FED AND WELL-GROOMED. I WOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF EVERYTHING. EVEN DISPOSING OF HER.
glance
Here, let me fix it.
YOUR HAIR'S MESSED UP.
.....

SO THIS YEAR...
YOU'LL TURN 10.
FROM ABOUT THE AGE OF 10, THE LUCAVIFATE START TO DEVELOP POWERS THAT CAN SURPASS EVEN THE ELPHIS.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE? FOUR YEARS?
YOU WERE SIX WHEN YOU CAME HERE
LE...
...VI...?
THEREFORE ALL LUCAVIFATE HAD TO BE KILLED BEFORE THEY REACHED THE AGE OF TEN.
LEVI.
Grin
OH, LUSIA!!
I...
You spoke!
THAT'S MY NAME! SAY IT AGAIN!
YES!
b-dmp
FOR FOUR YEARS, SHE WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN A DOLL, BUT THEN...
Mmm...

YOU THERE.
YES.
YES...
TOMORROW... NO, IN THREE DAYS, MAYBE.
YOU NEED NOT...
FEED HER ANYMORE.
IN THREE DAYS YOU WILL...
da-dmp
da-dmp
CARRY OUT THE FINAL TASK.
SCHILDESE.
MY MASTER, AND LUSIA'S OWNER...
I CAN'T KILL HER
BUT IF I DON'T, I'LL BE KILLED.
SPLOTCH
YES, MASTER.
GLANCE
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スタ
SWISH
I'LL INVITE SOME GUESTS TO WATCH.
IF YOU FAIL, YOU WILL DIE, TOO.
.....

ZZ
ZZZ
I CAN'T ESCAPE FROM THIS PLACE.
IT WAS MY LAST NIGHT THERE...
TWITCH
FWOOO
FWIP
!!
WHO'S THERE?!
WHO...
FWP
THAT SOUND...
DID SOMEONE BREAK IN?

I WON'T HURT YOU.
I DON'T MEAN TO BE ROUGH.
URGH
A knife.
SORRY
SEE?
...
LUSI...
MY NAME IS LOTUS— NICE TO MEET YOU!
!!
THWIK
SORRY TO COME SO LATE AT NIGHT.

I THOUGHT IT WAS A MIRACLE! I COULDN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE WOULD COME TO RESCUE HER THE VERY NIGHT BEFORE SHE WAS TO BE KILLED.
THERE BEFORE ME STOOD AN OLDER BOY, WHO HAD ALMOST THE SAME FACE AS LUSIA.
THAT GIRL OVER THERE IS MY SISTER. I'VE COME TO RESCUE HER.
HA HA! YOU'RE SURPRISED! WE MUST REALLY LOOK ALIKE!
PERFECT!
HER...
BROTHER?
THAT'S HOW LOTUS AND I MET.
HEM HEM...
WILL YOU TELL ME YOUR NAME?
OH, WELL I'M...
PERFECT?

PLEASE TAKE HER CLOTHES OFF.
ZZZ...
WHAT?
I'M GOING TO TAKE HER PLACE.
HUH?
LEVI, I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN, BUT...
WHAT?
I...
I'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM INSTEAD!!
WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
THEN THEY'LL KILL YOU TOMORROW!
very dainty.
IT'S OK. I'M SMALL.
RUSTLE

grin
I KNOW THAT.
o-dmo
o-dmp
SOMEHOW LOTUS HAD FOUND OUT ALMOST EVERYTHING ABOUT THAT PLACE.
LISTEN, I'M JUST BUYING TIME WITH THIS SWITCH.
ENOUGH SO THAT SHE CAN ESCAPE
APPARENTLY HE HAD BEEN PLANNING LUSIA'S RESCUE, AND WAS JUST WAITING FOR THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY.
WE'LL WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE JUST ABOUT TO KILL ME.
THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY!

Hm...
!
I ALSO KNOW IT'S YOUR JOB TO KILL ME.
turn
HEY.
LEVI.
WHEN THE TIME'S RIGHT, WE'LL ESCAPE TOGETHER!
AND YOU THINK THE ELPHIS ARE JUST GOING TO LET US RUN OFF?!
ARE YOU FOR REAL?
pat
IF WE ESCAPE, WILL LUSIA COME WITH US?
OF COURSE!
NOW, LET'S GET MOVING!
.....
GETTING OUT OF HERE WILL BE A SNAP.
MY LUCAVIFATE POWERS ARE FULLY AWAKENED.

OKAY.
THEY HELD THE CEREMONY THE NEXT DAY, WHEN THE SUN WAS AT ITS ZENITH...

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I'M SORRY, LEVI.

I'M SORRY.
I LIED TO YOU.
HE NEVER PLANNED ON ESCAPING...
YOU PROMISED WE'D ESCAPE TOGETHER!
ACTUALLY, I DON'T HAVE MUCH POWER LEFT.
I SEE.
.....
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
PLEASE MAKE IT A CLEAN CUT...
HAVE YOU KILLED A PERSON?
IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN SAVE HER.
THANKS FOR HELPING.
DON'T WORRY.
I DON'T HAVE MUCH LIFE LEFT IN ME ANYWAY.
AT MOST I'D ONLY LAST ANOTHER MONTH.

COME ON. NOW. DO IT QUICKLY!
I...I CAN'T.
YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON. I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES.
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF MY SISTER.
SIGH
IF YOU DON'T, THE ELPHIS WILL KILL YOU!
LISTEN— HOLD THE BLADE FIRMLY.
NOW RAISE IT OVER YOUR HEAD. USE BOTH HANDS.
GRIP
.....
IT'S ALL RIGHT.

THIS WAY...
I WON'T HAVE TO KILL LUSIA.
SO IT'S ALL OKAY!
BRING IT DOWN. QUICKLY!
THAT'S RIGHT. NOW...
YAAUGH!!
EVERYTHING'S FOGGY AFTER THAT.
I DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF IT VERY WELL.

THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I COULD DO. IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE LUSIA!
IT'S NOT "LUSIA."
HER REAL NAME IS...

BUT I WANT YOU TO BE AS HAPPY AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN, MY BELOVED SISTER...
WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE MUCH TIME TOGETHER...
CORAL...

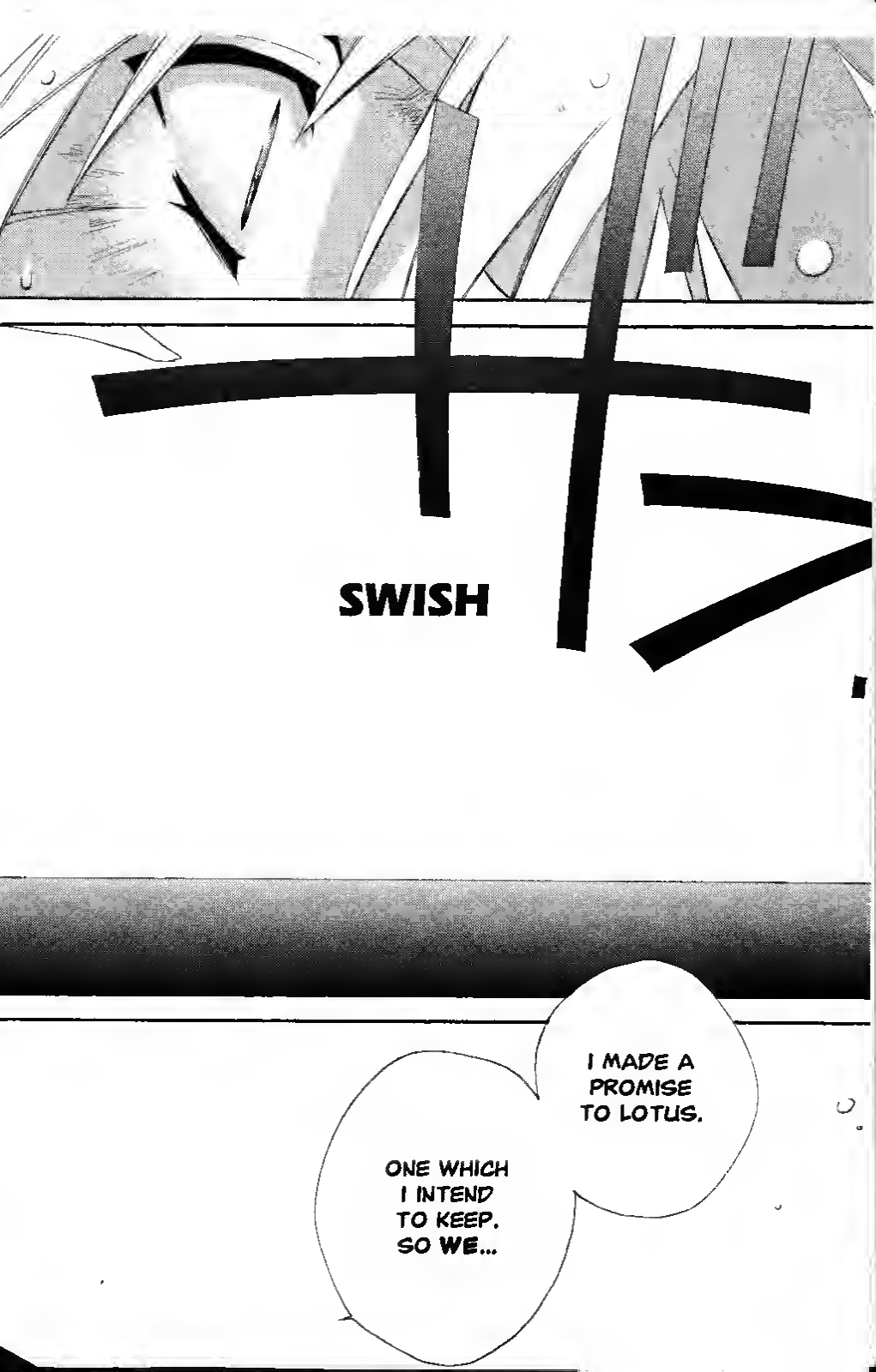
I REMEMBER. NOW I UNDERSTAND.
CORAL!
THIS PLACE IS CALLED DESERT CORAL.

LOTUS HAD HIS LITTLE SISTER IN MIND WHEN HE NAMED THIS PLACE.

SPRING
flutter
!!
UH...
FWOOSH
SCRING
HE'S FAST!!
D-MN

SWOOSH
FWOOSH
FLAP
NO GOOD.
SCRANG
IF IT'S A SWORD FIGHT...
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BEAT HIM!!
LEAP

FWMP
FWOOO
CRUMBLE
DASH
WOO
FWISH
SWMP
NO YOU DON'T!!
FWOOSH
THMP
THMP
THMP
I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE, QUICK!!
DAMN...
SPLSH
WHAT THE...!
WATER?!
AN ILLUSION?
NO...
SCFF
DAMN IT!


SWISH
I MADE A PROMISE TO LOTUS.
ONE WHICH I INTEND TO KEEP. SO WE...

SO...
DESERT CORAL
CAN'T COME TO
AN END YET.

I KNOW.
YOU WOULD HAVE DONE IT BY NOW.
SWP
IF YOU WERE GOING TO KILL NAOTO...
EP...
YOU CAN'T KILL HIM.
HE'S ONE OF US.

FWOOO
SWOOOSH
WE'RE STILL...
IS CAMU AN ELPHIS? EVEN IF SHE IS...
I CAN'T...
CAMU!
FWSH
THE HEART...

SCRASH
WE'RE STILL FRIEND...
!!
NAOTO'S BEEN...!
FWUMP
NAOTO!

#15 GOD

UNGH!
TRICKLE
TRICKLE
SP-SPLOTCH
I MISSED...

FWOOOO
GRIP
B-DMP
I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS.
I GUESS I WAS MISTAKEN.
LOOKS LIKE I HAVE TO FIGHT.
I'M NOT THE SAME AS I WAS!
NO, IT'S DIFFERENT NOW!
BUT I CAN'T BEAT CAMU.
B-DMP
B-DMP
THIS ELPHIS IS TRYING TO KILL ME!
I'LL GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT— AND BEAT HER!
How could I miss?
WHY...

D FIRE OF SARAMOOR.
WHICH RESTS WITHIN ME.
BWHOOF.
DASH
YYEEARGH
WHY AM I...
HESITATING?
VWOOSH
HYA!
Hmph! What a pathetic sword!
FWSH
?!
SWISH
AWAKEN NOW!

DAMN! NO TIME...
THIS SPIRIT OF WIND...
AND DESTROY...
FWIP
!!
NO...
MY ENEMY!
!!!
MY BARRIER!
HOW DID NAOTO...

H!
BECOME SO POWERFUL?

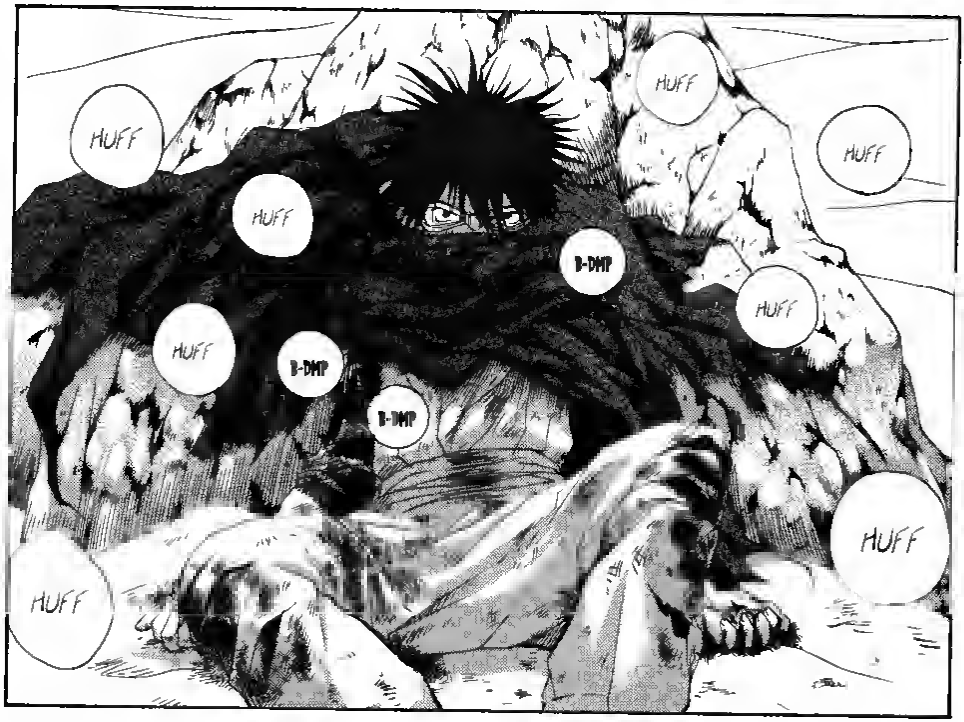
YEEEAG
VWOOOR

LET YOUR ANGER BE POWER! BECOME A SWORD I CAN USE TO SLAY...
WOOO
VWOOOOO
MY ENEMY!!
MY ENEMY!!
COME FORTH AS A BALL OF FLAME TO DESTROY...
SWA-BOOM
WHEN SHE SUMMONED NAOTO. SHE'S LIKE LOTUS IN A WAY.
CORAL KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING...

THEN, NAOTO DIDN'T APPEAR JUST BY CHANCE.
SBWSH
ORGOS IS STARTING TO...
CRUMBLE.
?
YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW THIS. BUT...
AND HE WILL, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY COST LUSIA HER LIFE.
THE OLD NAOTO WAS A TOTAL MONSTER.
THE TIME IS COMING.
.....
NOW, WE WAIT FOR NAOTO TO FULLY REMEMBER.
WHEN HE DOES, HE SHOULD REGAIN HIS POWERS.

COME ON, NAOTO... REMEMBER!
WHAT...
WHAT THE HECK IS NAOTO?
REMEMBER THE TIME WHEN YOU, LOTUS, AND I LIVED TOGETHER!
IT ALL STARTED WHEN LOTUS SUMMONED NAOTO TO THIS WORLD.
WOOO
SPSHHH
!
THE WATER SPIRIT!

SA-SPWSSH
IT'S GONE.
IT'S LOOKING FOR CORAL.
!
THE GROUND...
CORAL WILL ACCOMPLISH WHAT LOTUS COULDN'T.
SPSHH
WHAT LOTUS COULDN'T ACCOMPLISH?
FWOOO
SHE NEEDS NAOTO.
BUT FOR THAT...


HUFF
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B-DMP
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HUFF

STUBBORN BASTARD!
HE'S STILL ALIVE. STILL IN THIS WORLD...
NOW I'LL FINISH YOU.
ruff
URGH...
GO BACK TO YOUR OWN WORLD.
ruff
RRR...
CAM-
NGH...
URGH...
.....
CAMU!!
IF I HAD JUST FINISHED HIM EARLIER,
I WOULDN'T HAVE WASTED SO MUCH ENERGY.
.....
WHY AM I HESITATING?

THE MONSTER HE SUMMONED...
HMP
CAMU! CAMU!
HMP
HMP
.....
FWIP
THAT SAND DUST BOY. I TOOK HIM IN BECAUSE OF HIS STRANGE HAIR COLOR.
LOTUS...
TEACH ME HOW TO SUMMON MONSTERS!
HEY!
NOW IS THAT HOW YOU ASK SOMEONE FOR A FAVOR?
HUH?
TELL ME HOW!

WE HAVE TO MAKE DINNER!
NOT NOW!
AWWW!
He listened...
BOW
PLEASE TELL ME HOW!
WE LIVED ON THE ROAD TOGETHER.
BACK THEN...
NO MEANS NO!
WILL YOU AT LEAST SHOW ME?
THEN
C'MON CAMU!
SOMEONE AS INEXPERIENCED AS YOU WOULD JUST GET EATEN BY THE MONSTER!
.....
I PROMISE I'LL DO MY CHORES AND STUDY HARD!!
COME ON, PLEASE?
PUPPY DAWG

COME HERE, LOTUS.
HUH?
I KNOW! I'LL MASSAGE YOUR SHOULDERS! PLEASE?!
CLASP
YOU'RE ALREADY DOING FINE.
YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE LUCAVIFATE POWER INSIDE YOU.
IF ANYTHING EVER HAPPENS,
I'LL PROTECT YOU.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ANY STRONGER.
JUST STAY HERE WITH ME.

THAT'S MY FATE.
IT'S STILL NOT GOING TO BE EASY.
BUT CAMU...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SUMMON?
SHIVER
BUT...
.....
I'LL SUMMON A GOD.
ONE THAT WILL DESTROY THIS WHOLE WORLD.
WE'RE SURROUNDED. NOW WE'RE IN FOR IT!
SWSH
DAMN!
FWISH

And on a day with no WIND just perfect!
I CAN'T USE MY BEST MAGIC.
QUIVER
QUIVER
NOD
RUN BACK TO THE TENT.
MAKE A BREAK FOR IT WHEN YOU CAN.
Oh well.
Guess I'll summon a monster.
EVER SINCE THE TIME LOTUS BEGGED ME TO TEACH HIM CONJURING, I HAD BEEN ABLE TO AVOID SUMMONING ANYTHING MYSELF.
BUT THEN ON THAT DAY WHEN I HAD NO CHOICE...
LOTUS?
FWAP

SO WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
ANYTHING YOU WANT, OKAY?
LOTUS! ANSWER ME!
LOTUS, WHERE ARE YOU?
ANSWER ME!
SMACK
I'LL MAKE DINNER TONIGHT. ♪
ANSWER ME... PLEASE.
LOTUS...
LOTUS LEFT ME.
SO WHY WOULD I REMEMBER THAT NOW?
THE ONLY THING IN MY MIND IS KILLING NAOTO...
.....

HE CAN DO THAT, TOO...
YOU READ MY MIND.
.....
"A GOD THAT WILL DESTROY THIS WHOLE WORLD," HUH? HEH.
LOTUS...
?!
BUT MY MEMORIES ARE STARTING TO COME BACK.
JUST A LITTLE LONGER, AND...
I'VE BEEN SO DISORIENTED LATELY.
ALL THIS INFORMATION IS RUSHING AROUND IN MY HEAD.
BUT, CAMU...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO BECOME STRONGER, SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO RUN AWAY FROM FIGHTS.
I'LL HAVE MY FULL POWER BACK.
AS WELL AS MY POWER.
THEN NONE OF THIS WOULD BE HAPPENING NOW.
IT WAS BETTER WHEN YOU WERE WEAK. IF YOU HAD ONLY STAYED THAT WAY...

I KNOW WHY YOU'RE TRYING TO KILL ME.
I GUESS I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ALL ALONG.
BUT NOW I REMEMBER...
SWP
I'M SORRY, CAMU.
I'M SORRY...
I'M SORRY I CAN'T STAY WITH YOU.
I'M...
STROKE
SWMP

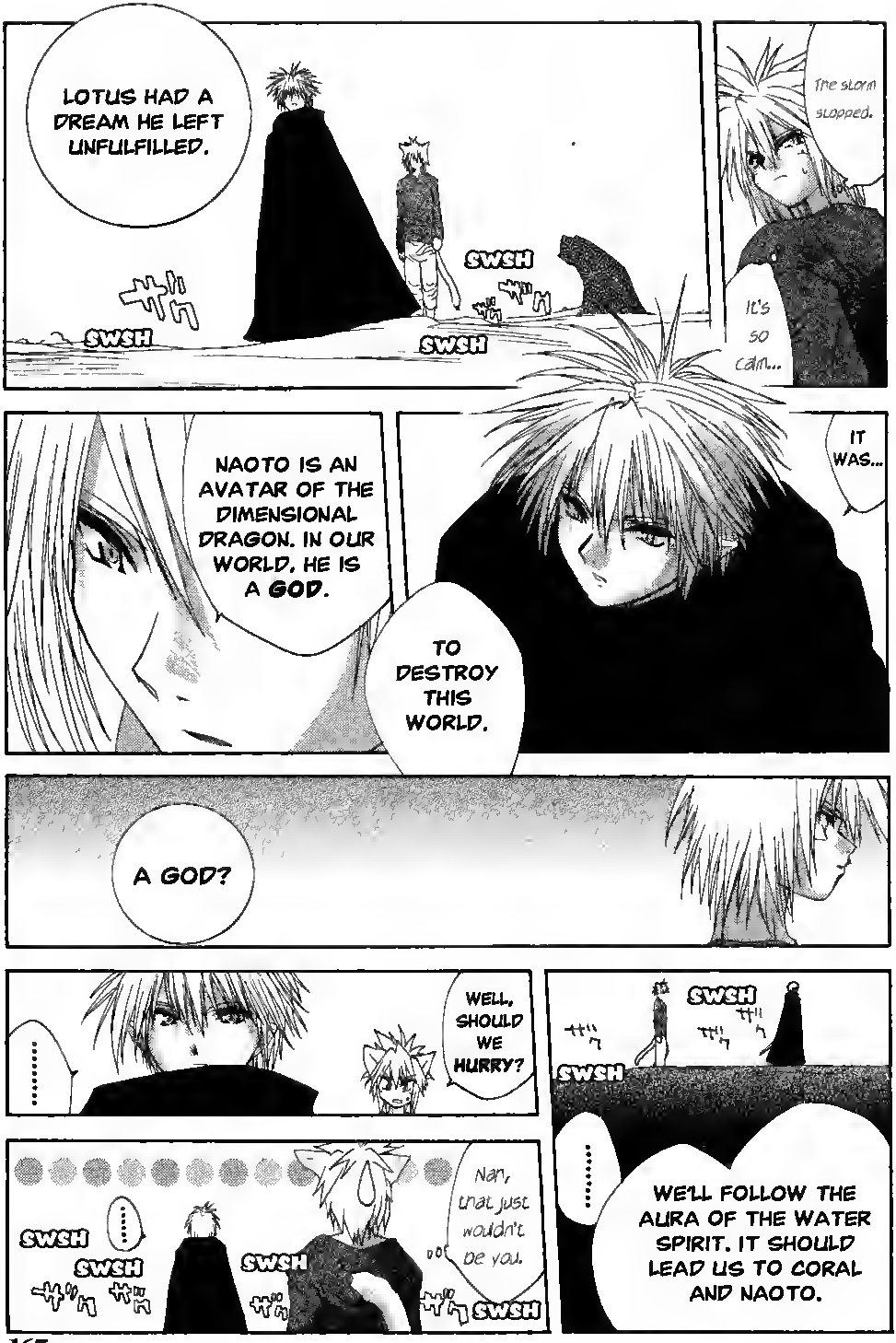
DRIP
DRIP
JUST BY COMING TO THIS WORLD, I'VE DEVOURED THE LIVES OF TWO PEOPLE WHO WERE SO CLOSE TO YOU!
LUSIA...
LOTUS...
AND YOU STILL...
SO YOU DO KNOW.

SARAMOOD...
NOW I KNOW WHY I'M HERE.
OH...
YES. I KNOW THE WHOLE STORY.
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW
WHAT IT MEANS.
NAOTO'S ENERGY!
I CAN'T FEEL ITS PULL ANYMORE.
BA-DMP
I AM HERE TO LIVE.
BUT I'M STILL IN THIS WORLD.

FWAP
NGH-!
B-KRK
crack
BA-DMP
...
BA-DMP
VWSSSH
VWSSH
RUMBLE
what kind of spell...
WHAT IS GOING ON?
WHAT...
KRK KRKK
SKRAKK
THE GROUND IS SPLITTING!

SKRK
!
DAMN.
How can he still have so much energy?!
?!
BA-DMP
VWSSSH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
YAAAAAUGH!!
NO WAY!
...THAT WILL DESTROY THIS WHOLE WORLD.

A GOD...
RUMBLE
YAAAAAAH!!
CRACK
SKRSSH


LOTUS HAD A DREAM HE LEFT UNFULFILLED.
SWSH
SWSH
SWSH
The storm stopped.
It's so calm...
IT WAS...
TO DESTROY THIS WORLD.
NAOTO IS AN AVATAR OF THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON. IN OUR WORLD, HE IS A GOD.
A GOD?
WELL, SHOULD WE HURRY?
SWSH
SWSH
WE'LL FOLLOW THE AURA OF THE WATER SPIRIT. IT SHOULD LEAD US TO CORAL AND NAOTO.
SWSH
SWSH
SWSH
SWSH
Nah, that just wouldn't be you.

nuff
nuff
nuff
CRAP. I CAN'T PASS OUT HERE.
CAMU... OH, THAT'S RIGHT, I BEAT HER.
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?
I FEEL... FAINT.
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
BA-DMP

FWMP
CONCRETE?
WHAT?
YOU AGAIN?
STAND UP, NAOTO!
I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE ♪ SPECIAL.
SOMEWHERE SPECIAL?
YES. THE ONLY PLACE IN THIS DESERT WHERE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS BLOOM.
THMP
HURRY. NOW.
YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE ME AGAIN!
HUH?
ISN'T THIS...
A DREAM?

F-PWIP
GRASP
WOBBLE
.....
I HAVE TO GO

NO, I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE HER THIS TIME!
FWSH
ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR ME?
– IT'S CALLING.
OH...
ズズ…
FSSSH

BLB BLB BLB B-BLB
IT'S TURNING INTO WATER!
WHOA!
dp
dp
?
BLB
nuff
nuff
there's no way Crisalid's this fast!
THIS WAY!
HURRY!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
THP THP.
THP THP THP
nuff
I KNOW I'LL FIND THE ANSWER AHEAD.
I JUST NEED TO KEEP RUNNING!!
OR IS THIS JUST A DREAM THAT'S REPEATING ITSELF?
AM I SEEING THE FUTURE IN MY DREAMS? ARE MY DREAMS BECOMING REALITY?
IT'S THE SAME AS IN THAT DREAM.

nuff
nuff
WAIT FOR ME, LUSIA! I'M COMING!!
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
SPSSHH
GULP
NAOTO!
COME QUICK!!
SHWSHH

SPLASH
?!
GLUB
!!
I'M... UNDERWATER?!

RIGHT OVER THERE...
FOUND IT.
SSSHH
SHPSH
SWSH
IT'S THE WATER SPIRIT.
.....
THE TIME HAS COME.

DESERT CORAL 3 END

I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT HAPPENS, SO LONG AS IT'S FUN.
…
KA-BOOM